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Dear Bruce,

I'm glad that your advisor agrees on the book possibilities. Suggest that when you get to writing the thesis you avoid all possible academic cliches and formalities, which are not real scholarship anyway, so you can tempt any publisher's reader better. (The more they see editing and rewriting, the more they cost and the less likely they are to offer a contract.)

I've been thinking more about the FBI's Commission file and Ford, who became our first unelected President, and I think that stuff is not only quite relevant in your study but is also of its own historical interest and attention value in a book.

In this connection, because our spare bedroom is my wife's office now, I wonder if it is possible for some arrangement to be made with local Hood College for you to be able to use a dorm room there. It was but no longer is only women. I can ask a friend on the history faculty, who teaches a very popular course on the assassinations, but if you would like to try to reduce your costs that way, I suggest that you ask your advisor to write him, using my name. I'll try to remember to mention it to him. He is Dr. Gerald McKnight, same zip.

You say you've begun the Whitewash series. I suggest that you read the intro to the first with care so you can get a better understanding of how such bodies as the Commission work and that they ~~do~~ enjoy certain exemptions that are proper and very necessary. Like not being bound by the rules of evidence. They could not really function without hearsay, which is prohibited in the courtroom.

Thanks for the copy of the Archives Access Restricted form for the 5/19/64 transcript. This does not indicate that it was ~~every~~ accessible, and it wasn't. It is in M. Johnson's writing, and from the date I presume that in a review he remember the litigation that requires restriction. My file on that litigation ought be of use to you, especially the disclosed copies of letters denouncing Redlich as red, nigger-lover, etc., and again Ford was party to it. Also the suit for the 1/27 transcript. Remember, the Archives is the Commission's inheritor. And the suit files on the two disclosed transcripts when 5/19 was denied.

Best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

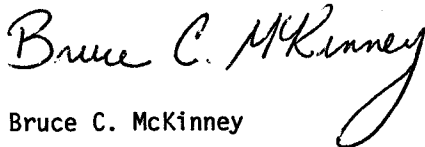
Thank you for taking the time to meet with me last Saturday. I was a most informative trip and I am burying my nose in your Whitewash books at the moment!

I wrote Dr. Wrono about obtaining the transcripts that I do not have. If I can't get them from him, I hope you can suggest a cheaper way than the Archives. I showed the memorandum to Moyers to my advisor which really impressed him. He seems to think that I can get a book out of this too--time will tell . . .

Enclosed is a document from the Archives about the May 19 transcript which I xeroxed while in D.C. but forgot to bring it down with me to show you (we had talked about it over the phone). Will this transcript ever be released? Maybe if Mondale is elected--Hah!

I will keep in touch (along with my book payments). Again thank you for your most generous time.

Sincerely,



Bruce C. McKinney