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Dear Jeremy,

The reported offer of \$3 million for the Zapruder film disturbs me because whatever is done can result in still another scandal.

And it will be very unfair.

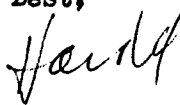
In the Federal Register of October 31, 1966, if you have not seen it, you will find that the attorney general issued an executive order saying that all considered by the Warren Commission would become public property and would be kept at the Archives. Not the exact language but I am not now able to retrieve my copy.

He did not include the Zapruder film or the ^Aulgens picture of the Ruby weapon. He did not want to have a fight with ^Time-Life, with the AP or with the Ruby family which was faced with considerable expenses.

But when Marina sought to sell the rifle, the government went to court to prevent that. Not only does it appear to me, not a lawyer, to be adequate precedent for taking the Zapruder film, but suppose she gets a lawyer and files suit to get and sell that rifle? (She is working for low pay and is a grandmother.) Would the Zapruder film deal not be a precedent? And if that happens and she does not win, will there not be some scandalous implication? Or what can be interpreted that way?

If you pay the Zapruder heirs, why not her?

Best,



Harold Weisberg