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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Once and for all, I have no working papers, drafts, etc. concerning the Panel review of the Kennedy autopsy report in my possession. The Panel met in Washington on February 26 and 27, 1968 and drafted its report on February 27, 1968. I pulled this together in the next few days and submitted copies to each member of the Panel, who edited them and returned them to me. I correlated the edited reports and once again submitted them to the Panel for final editing. Again the copies were returned to me and final copies typed and submitted sequentially to each member of the Panel for his signature. When all signatures were obtained I personally delivered the original and five signed copies to Mr. Bruce Bromley and he subsequently sent one copy to Drs. Carnes, Morgan, Moritz and myself and the original was submitted to the Justice Department. I have not seen it since, but am informed the copy released by the Justice Department was a photocopy of our report without changes of any kind from our submitted copy.

In line with the agreement mentioned in the last paragraph of my letter of February 19, 1970, Mr. Bromley and I, or I, independently, destroyed all intermediate copies of the report.

With respect to the suit brought by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, I submit that no members of the Panel either appeared in Court in connection with this suit or submitted anything in writing. If our original Panel report was submitted by the Justice Department I suggest you correspond with them regarding that.

Finally, please be informed that this is the last correspondence of yours that I intend to answer in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell S. Fisher M.D.".

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