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Dear Mr. Steinberg,

As you have probably noted, the situation with respect to the autopsy documents has progressed to a point I had anticipated.

Have you had time to do anything along the line of who owned the pictures, Xrays, and something not yet mentioned in the public press or publicly noted in any way, all of the original notes and any other charts?

If these were government property, there is an additional and very real scandal, as there may be even if they were not.

I have quietly made formal application for access to this material and have been formally denied, by Burke Marshall, acting for the Kennedy family. I now need a lawyer to test the legality of the entire maneuver, in which both the family and the government, I suspect for different reasons, engaged in a deal under a law that permits the imposition of conditions by donors. But if these documents were government property, as I suspect they were, I believe such an arrangement is illegal, if not worse. It is the only way in which the stuff could be suppressed. Now there is even reason to doubt that what has been returned is authentic.

I'll be in New York soon, I expect 12/4. I'll be in touch with Mr. Price and I'd like to speak to you then, if you have time and if your normal affairs do not keep you too busy.

We will soon have WHITEWASH II out. This tells who did the whitewashing and how, with what I got from the archive (and that is considerable) and with what this added to the testimony really shows.

Sincerely,

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