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Commanding Officer
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Md.

Dear Sir,

C In the recent Clay Shaw trial in New Orleans, Army Colonel Pierre Finck testified to the presence during the autopsy on the late President Kennedy of an Admiral named Kinney, according to the press. I cannot be certain of the spelling of the name. Colonel Finck is one of the signatories to the report of this autopsy.

O I do have the names of those said to have been present at this autopsy from the Warren Commission files. There is no such name among them. I am writing to ask for confirmation or denial of the presence of such an admiral and for a correct list of those present during the autopsy. I am a writer, have written extensively in this field and plan more writing. I want to be as accurate as it is possible to be.

P If there is any comment the Navy would care to make on Colonel Finck's testimony, I would welcome it for inclusion in my writing. I have completed two of a projected three parts of my study of that aspect.

In this connect, may I please ask for copies of all Navy regulations applicable to or controlling Navy autopsies and those performed in Naval facilities?

Y Can you please also tell me Admiral Kinney's present address. I want to afford him the opportunity of confirming, denying or commenting on this testimony before I include it in my writing. I would also like to be able to communicate with Naval Photographer Stringer, said to have taken the photographs at the autopsy in this Warren Commission evidence.

Colonel Finck testified to the presence of an Army General in "control", as he put it. I am aware of the presence of the Commanding General of the Military District of Washington. No other general is indicated in these records. I therefore ask if any other were present, and if so, who.

If you, personally, or the Navy, have any suggestions that would tend to make my writing more accurate or more complete, please believe me, I will welcome them.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, for I am now engaged in this writing.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg