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Dear Dean Lesar:

Last week when Jim visited me overnight we discussed some of the problems of format and distribution looming in front of me with a proposed publishing project and he suggested I write to you to see if you might be able to provide me with some suggestions on their resolution.

The university has provided me with limited funding to publish the legal proceedings in several of Jim's Freedom of Information Act suits under the general series title of Freedom of Information Act and Political Assassinations. We shall use a composer typewriter with near print capacity and justified margins and publish the verbatim court record of particular cases together with appropriate correspondence from Jim's files and an essay by me on the background of each case and a similar few pages by Howard Roffman, possibly, on the importance of the FOIA and the particular case.

The intention is to present to the scholarly community and writers on the subject of the assassinations a thoroughly tested court record on vital issues, including important and highly revealing documents generated by them. At the same time the idea of the integrity of the legal institution, the importance of freedom for a constitutional democracy, and the role of the individual in making the system work would, of course, develop in the course of reading the text. While the outside limit of material generated by Jim would reach beyond fifty volumes my intention is to concentrate on the practical problems of just two, one on President Kennedy and one on Dr. King.

The first on JFK would be given the running title: "The Legal Proceedings in Weisberg v. General Services Administration C. A. 2052-73" together with the Warren Commission's Executive Session Transcript of January 27, 1964." About 250 pages on composer type.

As you know Jim was the attorney who compiled this vast record and its importance will increase with the passage of time. Unfortunately most scholars are not aware of what has been done and many of the extremists continue to run amuck (e.g. Lane) because they can ignore the legal record tucked away in a court basement in the District of Columbia.

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I will probably be able to print about 3,000 copies of the documentary record of 2052-73 and will have about 1,000\$ for publicity.

I intend to draw up a flyer to circulate to libraries, law libraries and assassination buffs.

Could you offer me any suggestions on how I might make this book and the companion one of King which will appear several ^{months} later, more attractive to the legal profession, the scholarly community and the press? Could you offer any suggestions on how I ought word or get up the flyer I intend to use that would make it appeal to scholars or lawyers? Do you have any suggestions on how I might go about getting the books reviewed in journals for law librarians?

Sincerely

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