March 8, 1969

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for your letter of March 6. Yes, I shall be delighted for you to use the cross section diagram of the neck with the path of the bullet at 28° in the appendix of your "Post Mortem" book. You do understand, of course, that this is the minimum lateral angle the bullet can emerge from the midline at the front without striking bone (vertebra), in fact the angle can be greater. Enclosed is a 5x7 glossy of this diagram, if you use it just mention the copyright and my permission.

Now, I should like to ask if you would be willing for me to use your autopsy diagram with Admiral Burkley's written approval on it. I am dickering with a magazine about a short article because considerable time will elapse before I get a manuscript ready for a book. If the magazine should agree I would like to use this document and cite your kind permission. Hope to be able to write you about this further within a week or two.

If you should agree to this it might be best to send me by registered or insured mail your best copy of the document and I would have our photography department make two negatives. I would return one of the negatives, the document, and some glossy prints by next post. I would keep the whole thing in utmost secrecy until publication as you know it would be to my advantage to do so.

Because of my testimony in New Orleans it is now unlikely that I shall get to my sought after records in Parkland Hospital. However I do have, already, enough to substantiate my perjury and subrogration of perjury.

Shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

John Nichols