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Dear Menahem,

I am keeping my promise not to interrupt your work by dropping this note instead of phoning: On the tape, Epstein said (re Oswald), "...and that November he was accused of assassinating President Kennedy. So it seemed that New Orleans might have been the place, if a conspiracy had taken place, where you might find, by looking at his associates, you might find some motive why Oswald did what he was alleged to have done, what he did."

In written form, those words support what you said, to the effect that Epstein corrected himself so as to imply that Oswald was the assassin, not merely the alleged assassin. In spoken form, it strikes me more as the result of confusion in constructing a complicated sentence, with many interpolated clauses, and grammatical uncertainty. If it was his intention to proclaim that there was no question of Oswald's guilt, I think the tone would have been different. But I would not press the argument, since Epstein is also quite capable of saying what you interpreted him as saying. In fact, he is capable of saying at one and the same time that he is the ALLEGED assassin and THE assassin, thus ingratiating himself with the maximum number of listeners.

Received from Crehan clipping from the NY Times of last Tuesday, page 76 column 3, on visible satellites, showing that what I saw was in fact Echo 2! What a disappointment! I hope you noted the story on UFO's on page 10 of today's NY Times?

Your news is very exciting and I suspect you will be packing to return to Israel by the time you receive this. I am happy and elated for you, Mendel, and hope that it will turn out as you want it, in every way. You may hold on to the suitcase for the return trip.