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Dear Mrs. Cann,

Thank you for sending me the two issues, one dealing with the Jackdaw kit and the other with the murder of del Valle. The latter story is certainly horrifying and potentially of great importance. In reading the del Valle issue, I could scarcely avoid the impression that every attempt was being made to portray del Valle as a pro-Castro agent, in contravention of the known facts. The man's Batistiano history, his later long-term efforts on behalf of a military overthrow of the Castro regime, even Castro's denunciation of him--all this objective evidence has been manipulated so that it will suggest just the opposite of what in fact it does suggest. I find this most regrettable. If the truth is to be uncovered, the facts must be pursued, impartially, toward whatever destination they lead. The Warren Report has been found wanting and discredited for the very reason that it represents a distortion of fact to fit a preconceived and fixed theory, and not an impartial account and interpretation of the facts.

I realize that you yourself are not responsible for the treatment of the del Valle story and that you have no control over the editorial policy. You are perhaps more distressed about it than anyone else. Nevertheless, I must be frank to say that I am reluctant, as a matter of principle, to cooperate with or channel information to a publication that is motivated by interests other than impartial reporting of fact.

With friendly personal regards,

Yours sincerely,