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Dear Maggie,

Some time ago I told you, in good faith, that a link had been established between Shaw and Gruber. This information came to me, equally in good faith, from Bob Richter of CBS. He was given this information by Gurvitz, Garrison's chief investigator.

Richter now tells me that Gurvitz denies the existence of this link and insists that Richter must have misunderstood him in the first place, that he never said that this link had been established.

I spent much of this last weekend with Ray, who came up to see Garrison (he was here to do the Issues and Answers program). Unfortunately, Ray's position and mine are further and further apart, on fundamental principles in general (whether the ends sometimes justify the means) and specifically on Garrison. I don't want to proselytize, persuade, or influence anyone else; but I do want to make my own position clear.

Garrison has conceded, in effect, to Ray, that his decoding exercise is not valid, and that the "PO" is indeed (or may be) "DD." However, it was an honest mistake; and he will not withdraw his claim nor issue any clarification or retraction.

Since he is ready to maintain a wholly fictional claim, not only about two men who are dead but about a living man who is under indictment for conspiracy, I can only classify Garrison as being as bad as (or worse than) the Warren Commission. I do not accept on his part the despicable fraud and lies that I reject on the Commission's part. Consequently, I do not intend to co-operate with him in any way, nor by silence to accept a fraudulent decoding nor an "investigation" which has come under serious question as to methods and motives.

If this creates an alienation with any of my colleagues, I will regret it most bitterly and sorrowfully. I do not wish to persuade anyone to my point of view, I repeat, but neither could I possibly modify or alter my position on what is now beyond any doubt a deliberate deception and perversion of evidence and fact. Since Ray has already accused me of "joining the pack that are out to destroy Garrison," and since you are singularly close to both Ray and me, I wanted you to understand how I feel about this issue. Also, I want it to be crystal-clear that there is no question of asking you to take sides as between Ray and me, or even to comment on the differences which have developed between Ray and me, or even to indicate your own views. In other words, I want this not to become a source of any tension or divisiveness between us, under any circumstances.

All my love,