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Dear Paul,

I am very grateful to you for sending me the index and the copy of Fletcher Knebel's letter, which I have retyped and sent to Ed Epstein and to his publisher. Yesterday I had lunch with Robert Silvers; he had just received his copy of your index, as I had, too; and he is most grateful for it. I am sure that your index will be very valuable in that it will help us avoid purchasing from the Archives microfilm or photocopies of documents already included in the 26 volumes.

For the last 24 hours I have been working like a madwoman on material to be used in rebuttal of a number of letters attacking Popkin's article --assistance that I volunteered, perhaps quixotically, since Popkin is in Europe. There is always some chore like this, it seems, to make me put aside my own work on the case. It has become a full-time job just to answer telephone inquiries, listen to theories and speculations, usually far-out, correspond with other researchers, read the current flood of material on the case, etc. I shrink from the idea of any organized division of labor, or the like; but it is becoming increasingly difficult and exhausting to answer all demands and requests for information, citations, etc. I am sure you must be having a parallel experience--but then you have the advantage of youth and energy, while I am an ancient.

I hope that you have seen the current Newsweek three-page article; and the London Observer of 8/7/66, which has one of the strongest and most forthright presentations to date--"It is the august Warren Commission that is in the dock today, not the lonely Oswald" (paraphrase); and the Andrew Kopkind review in The New Statesman of 7/29/66. If you are missing any of those, let me know and I will try to send you copies.

Yes, Fonzi's article was first-class, one of the best expositions of the evidence yet published. By the way, and you might share this with Dave Lifton and the others, I received some information this morning from Shirley Martin, who unfortunately did not indicate the source--that Joachim Joesten released a statement to the press on 7/25/66 accusing LBJ of having usurped presidential power in Nov. 1963 by backing the conspiracy to assassinate JFK; Joesten is releasing, starting August 1966, the first of 7 books in English detailing IHO's role as a spy for CIA and later as stool-pigeon and agent provocateur for the FBI; the books to be available by subscription only to scholars, Congressmen, political leaders and other qualified persons...the price \$30 a copy or \$200 for the entire set of 7. No prepayment required. Copies will be billed when shipped. Address all subscriptions to Joachim Joesten, 7891 Gurtweil, Germany. (I wonder what THAT is all about?)

Again, grateful thanks for your helpfulness and generosity.

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