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Dear Paul,

This will reply to your letters of the 24th and 30th of March. I am grateful for the information you sent, including the RH spring list and the CIA document on the Sauvage book. I will show it to Leo when I see him next.

I, too, got an "advance sales" figure of about ten thousand. RH public relations did arrange for me to have an interview by a man who writes a monthly column for the Book of the Month Club magazine. It may help sales, since any book mentioned in this chap's column may be ordered at fullprice from the Club (though it is not a Club "selection").

Jones Harris went to the Archives and scanned the 2500 newly-declassified documents. He believes there is nothing of interest there and that it is not necessary to get copies. However, he and Bob Anson are trying to get the documents that the CIA was forced to release, which apparently do have several items of significance, as you yourself indicated. As for Belin being an Agency man—I fear that with his unfortunate facial tic, he would not have qualified.

About the third photo of LHO with rifle, I tend to believe that it is a fabrication—not so much because of the length of the rifle vs the height of the man (my own argument, but a poor one) as because of Newcomb's work on the photos and, above all, LHO's own accusation of fabrication. I have found it usually safe to treat LHO's statements seriously, e.g., re: his visit to the Dallas FBI office.

I will be most keenly interested in anything Ross Ralston turns up on Givens/Belin. Many thanks.

Regards,

