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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of the 13th, on the Army/Hidell business. I didn't even consider that the new material invalidated your analysis, although that interpretation is possible; I lean very strongly to a more sinister explanation - e.g., that the impetus for placing the card on Oswald originated with Army Intelligence. I'm afraid the idea may be too far-out and/or subtle for the HSC; in any case, I don't think my memo made the new evidence very clear. I did get a nice acknowledgment from the Committee, but of course beyond that it is 'no comment.'

Enclosed is my response to the Schorr piece in the NYR. One reason I didn't come down heavy on Schorr is that I figured enough other people would. ~~Exxx~~ And my indignant letters aren't that good anyhow. If you have written them, I would appreciate a copy. It may be apparent~~x~~ that some of my comments, especially toward the end, are directed at what might be the forthcoming Epstein-Angleton thesis. (Jerry is following that.)

Another reason for not being too tough on Schorr is that I spent quite a bit of time talking with him when he was out here, and I'm convinced that he's straight. His thesis looks much worse splashed over the cover of the NYR than as one chapter of his book. I thought I had persuaded him that there was substantial doubt about Oswald's guilt or innocence, but I guess I wasn't convincing enough.

Have you been following Priscilla and Marina? Peter is getting into this much more than I am, but I find it fascinating to watch them on TV - especially on Cavett. And it is important, since the HSC will have trouble ignoring this; it is the best thing to happen to the WC hypothesis since 1964. Priscilla is quite a person! It really is striking that Marina is so convinced ~~xx~~ Lee did it, especially since that has led to serious guilt feelings on her part. And now Priscilla is going around saying that she taunted ~~xxx~~ Lee by talking about a previous boy friend, who looked like JFK. On the Cavett show, Marina disagreed with this quite ~~strenuously~~ strenuously (for her). With friends like Priscilla, she doesn't need enemies.

I've made a FOIA request for some of the relevant Army documents, and I'll let you know if anything comes of it.

Sincerely,

*Paul*

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