

18 October 1969

Dear David,

Your letter of the 13th did not reach me until Friday the 17th, yesterday, which does appear to be a bit slower than airmail. Let's try surface mail again, though, once or twice, to get a better average time-lapse.

Your letter is quite long and I will not attempt a paragraph-by-paragraph reply this time, but will try to cover all the main points. First, about the enclosures that accompany this letter: I am sending you my own copies of the CDs you requested (87, pp 423-429, and 1518, pp 42-46), as I do not have access to our office xerox at the moment thanks to an invasion of visiting brass from our HQs. Second, I am sending you my master list of the CDs or pages of CDs that I now have in my possession, from the Archives or other sources, indicating also those CDs for which I have notes, indices, or summaries and/or tables of contents. Although it is dated August 1969, it is up-dated to the present. Finally, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am sending to Joesten, which is self-explanatory, and which you need not return.

Tom Bethell phoned me last night, as it happens, just before he returns to New Orleans today ending a visit of several weeks to Washington and NYC. He visited me when he first arrived here and invited me to dinner last night, but unfortunately I had another date, so we had a brief talk on the phone. Tom came here mainly to try to place his ms. but reported last night that his various contacts here with publishers and literary agents had been rather discouraging. A few have promised to read the ms. but the prospects do not seem favorable.

I had a postcard, incidentally, from Gary Schoener, from Dallas. He hints in it that he is finally beginning to realize what Garrison really was like, and that he is pretty shocked by what he has learned.

Yes, I did hear from Paul Hoch about Dr. Davison, thanks for asking him to fill me in. He mentioned in his letter that he will be sending me the transcripts of Frazier and Finck; but nothing has come yet. When I get the Finck transcript and can assess its clarity for xeroxing, length, etc., we will work out some way of sharing it, perhaps by the method you suggested. I'll be in touch as soon as it arrives but it may be a while, as Paul when he wrote me was still waiting to get the transcript from Nichols.

About the 3 military attaches and the one responsible for the AF-1 tapes: one critic who would be interested is Salandria. As you may know, he was quite excited about a reference in T.H. White's "Making of the President 1964" to a message received in flight from Dallas to Washington, to the effect that it was just a lone assassin, no conspiracy, etc., and he exerted considerable effort trying to track it down, without much success (all this from memory, and perhaps not absolutely accurate on my part). About the misnumbering of the address-book CE 18---I am inclined to agree with you and Paul that it is not sinister, on the grounds you indicated. About your sister's detective work---bravo, that seems to clear that up, and I hope that she recovers from her "radical political act."