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Here is a revealing quote from Lyndon Johnson made by him during the McCarthy period and in reference to what he would do about the McCarthy problem.

"If I were the Majority Leader, I'd appoint a bipartisan select committee, and I'd put on our side the very best men we have, men who are above reproach, the wisest men I know in the Senate and the best judges, and I'd ask 'em to make a ~~report~~ study of McCarthy and report to the Senate. With the men I'd pick, the Senate would accept their judgment and that would be the end of it." (Underlining mine)

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Here is Lyndon Johnson's thinking years ahead on the Warren Commission. For this Commission Johnson picked "the very best men" (in his opinion), "men who are above reproach", "the wisest men", "the best judges". With the men he picked for the Warren Report study Johnson automatically assumed, once the Report was out, that "that would be the end of it". What blind conceit. How outraged he must be that we keep challenging!

I have never understood the haste with which LBJ formed the Commission. Can you help me on the following? When Abe Fortas was appointed to the Supreme Court there was a magazine cover article done on him. I don't feel it was either TIME or Newsweek, but it may have been. I keep wondering if it was the Post? At any rate, the article contained a quote from Fortas in which that gentleman stated that on Nov. 22 on his way to Washington from Dallas after the assassination of the President and with the body of the slain President on the plane with him, LBJ made the original determination for a Commission of men to investigate the assassination. He felt (Fortas said) that there would be so many unanswered questions that a Federal Commission of some kind would be a necessity. The very next day (Sat. Nov. 23) LBJ telephoned Fortas and told him to begin thinking seriously of the proper men for such a Commission.

But how was it that Johnson felt this need so strongly while Oswald was still alive? How did Johnson know that Lee would not break and confess? How did Johnson know that there would be so many unanswered questions? This has puzzled me, but perhaps there is an easy explanation.

I think we must do more work on George and Herman Brown. They are friends and business associates of both LBJ and George De ~~MMx~~ Mohrenschildt. I cannot get anyone very interested in this aspect, but I know it is important. It is for example part of the stricken record, included in the Archives for 75 years, etc. Brown & Root sent De Mohrenschildt to Haiti, I believe. By the way, I called George De M. again the other night. He has the same number (the Dickens Street apartment) that he had in the spring of '63 when he bid farewell to Lee. The number rings and a recording interrupts to refer you to The Dallas Petroleum Club where they are very familiar with George. I checked the Dickens address not long ago; the landlady there said ~~George~~ no longer had that particular apartment and had not had it since spring of '63. But the Dallas phone listing still gives the Dickens address in 1966. I may have sent you this before. I must start keeping

copies of letters.

The RAMPARTS people were particularly excited (I CAN so spell "particularly"! ) about the Brown & Root stuff. Well, I can assure anyone who wants to listen that if any group in the LBB coterie killed Kennedy, Brown-Root supplied the financing! (I CAN so spell "financing"!)

Here are some of my ideas that I have tried to press on Mark with NO LUCK:

1. Lee was an agent of some kind, either for a government agency or for a private one, such as the Dallas Solidarists branch. And until I get some help from that son of a bitch Ralph I can go no further on that.

2. I think we can tie Ruby and Walker together through Casterr, Duff, Cherry, Keester, Roberts, Crafard, Odie, etc. (By the same token I think we can tie Lee in with this anti-Castro Dallas Cuban group.)

3. Separate from all this (the only link to the above being through Lee Oswald) we need a study in depth of the relationship between George De M. and the Brown-Root organization.

Small items that hang on and bug me: Does anyone have any idea why Marina said at the grave (11/25/63), "Everyman must die for a good cause."

Can't someone in our group (I am too scared) approach Marina at long last. What if I got my courage up enough to try? Any ideas what I should say to represent all our best interests?

This is still not a final answer to your 17-page letter, but you will have to get me in dribs and drabs. Today I am taking the kids to see Fu Manchu. If it scares me too badly, I may drop out of this whole bloody mess.

Still I am more anxious than ever to press on. I think we are going to be clobbered in the next few months with pomposity of the worse kind. We are going to be brought to the point of vomit before the battle is much advanced. But I have gotten so up to here with all the crap the Establishment pumps out that I look and laugh. I used to get mad. Which is better? Did you see that Dingling Dengler on tv talking in thick gutteral accent about the Communist torture and the value of freedom. One of my four spoke up: "Anybody's torture is bad. The Communist feel that way when they escape from us." (I can SO spell "Communist"!)

Incidentally when I told the kids about the presents, there was a typical reaction. Teresa and Vickie groaned and wished aloud you'd save your money; the boys shouted "Good!" The Saturday morning tv shows are on for the boys. Drives me insane. Today is Progress Day in Owasso. Everyone is dressed in bonnets and long dresses, the men in cowboy hats and boots, everyone is over fed, spending moeny like