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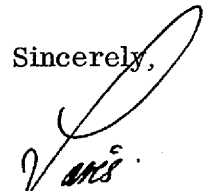
Dear Sylvia,

I much appreciate your perceptive observations and corrections regarding The Kennedy Conspiracy, as usual they reflect your unique knowledge of the assassination field. It need hardly be noted that essentially minor, albeit consequential, errors, such as incorrect spellings and whether or not Wade received a federal appointment, are as irritating as they are regrettable; however, more substantive considerations, such as my having been misdirected--and my misdirection not having been remedied when the opportunity presented itself--i. e., in relation to the alleged "emissaries," is even more disturbing. Not as an excuse for, but as an explanation of, the misspelled Earling, the Morrison story, the Walker/slip-of-paper allusion, Wade (in your recent note), and the his/her (TMO), some spellings, etc. (in your previous letter), my reliance on someone who happened to research these areas was at fault; nevertheless, I should have been even more successful in my attempts to verify every statement drawn from my working file, regardless of its previous validation. However, the Lane/emmissary story is of another complexion, especially since, as you observed in the book, I discussed the matter with JG just prior to closing the manuscript and he in nowise identified the source nor clarified the nature, of the allegation. Unfortunately I missed your TMO piece (Sept.) which I imagine would have provided the accurate story.

As you know, second printings allow for very few, if any, corrections and amendments, and, therefore, even if The Kennedy Conspiracy reaches that stage, I may well be restricted to making the briefer changes, the ones which require virtually no resetting of type. Still, be assured that if it is possible to clarify that bit of dramaturgy, and, I have decided, to reflect my own scepticism regarding the code (which I had originally thought too editorializing), I most definitely will.

Thank you for the time you have taken to send along your observations.

Sincerely,



Paris Flammonde

P.S. -Also, do you have any idea where I may come by a copy of your Subject Index. Over the last year I have checked a couple of dozen book stores (new and second hand) and S carecrow, without success. Another regrettably absurd situation.