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Dear Sylvia:

Have just read Bishop's folly and am some 250 pages into Manchester's madness. No wonder the Kennedys complained so about the latter--how vapid can one get?!

Did you catch the item on page 12, Time for 4-20-70? It is fantastic how critical items of evidence disappear, isn't it? But why can't we do what Sholnick is doing? Since there was no conspiracy in Dallas per the WR, why should anything pertaining to it be classified for 75 years? Why should we or anyone else have to accept the word of National Archivist Marion Johnson, or anyone else, for what is or is not in the record.

To me, the unanswered questions about the JFK matter form the festering core upon which our deteriorating society feeds. Only when that sore has been purged and clean tissue begins to grow again will we begin to heal our social wounds. Whatever the truth is, it could not be nearly so damaging as the untruth and half-truth which is sapping our strength in the world now.

Bishop said someone sent him a print of the Zapruda film which he burned. Why should he or anyone else have access to this when everyone does not. I saw it in Austin and left an order for a print--the source has orders for 150-plus. I did not think it was any worse than a great deal we see daily on TV. Sooner or later, the prints are going to be made available. Perhaps you could ~~xxx~~ use your contacts to get LIFE to make them available at a price which would eliminate people buying them merely out of curiosity and also insure serious students of the matter will have good prints. The Austin source has decided not to fill its orders for the present, however, and this closes the only open door I know about right now.

I am re-reading your book with the goal of picking out enough items to challenge Bishop to write a book on "The Day Oswald was Framed". In one exchange of letters, we discussed the rumor that Fred Korth had obtained a divorce for Oswald's mother. I cannot find your reply on this and wonder if you would give me the dope on it again, when and if you have time.

In regard to filing suit to get the records open, I know such things cost a great deal. I would be willing to contribute to this action and undoubtedly there are many other who would also.

Thanks again for all you have done.

Sincerely,

