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Dear Dick,

I greatly appreciate your letter of the 25th and also the press cutting on Bud Fensterwald. I appreciate especially your willingness to reexamine your previous views on the JFK assassination. Not many people are capable of a change of position, whatever new information may arise to justify such a change.

In fact, it was the unwillingness of many of my fellow-critics of the Warren Report to reconsider their faith in and loyalty to Jim Garrison (the buffoon who was the district attorney of New Orleans), even after his preposterous claims and unsupported hypotheses came to grief in the courtroom where Clay Shaw was immediately acquitted, that created a permanent breach between us. I am sorry to say that Bud Fensterwald appears still to defend the Garrison "investigation", and I am therefore on cool terms with him. However, I have a good relationship with two of Fensterwald's lieutenants, and have been in touch with them apropos of McCord, Watergate, and possible links to the Dallas assassination.

In my book Accessories (Isabel has a copy) I sketched in what I then thought (1966-1967) to be the ingredients of a conspiracy (pages 384-387). They included anti-Castro Cubans; CIA and perhaps FBI; and ultra-right-wingers such as General Walker and a Colonel Caster (Castorr). Clearly the Watergate ingredients are very similar; and the conspiracy is far wider than a conspiracy to execute JFK would have had to be. Indeed, in both cases, there are conspiracies to commit particular crimes, and then conspiracies to conceal the truth. One of the Cubans, Frank Sturges (a pseudonym), cropped up in both cases, although not significantly in the Dallas crimes.

As you say, Eisenhower does look very good in retrospect. I can only hope that Watergate leads to the removal of Nixon and those of his underlings who are incriminated, and to a restoration of legitimate government in this wretched country.

Thanks again for writing,

(Copy sent to Isabel)

