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Dear Sylvia,

Many thanks for sharing your interesting letter to Harold (Weisberg?) with me and for your remarks - especially the kind ones about the latest JFK.AF! Here is an immediate reply with some information which I hope will be of interest?

Epstein's third effort is getting a big play over here with a British edition due out in late April and the prestigious Sunday Times having just completed a three-part serialisation last weekend. A load of TV advertising of course preceded that!

The precis of the newspaper serial does make you wonder how such an account was ever published when more truthful - and worthwhile - efforts such as Dick Russell's can't find a publisher. Who is paying Epstein (I like that!) and why? Rumour has it that close to \$1,000,000 was paid to set it up. Do we know who has money to burn like that, in these days? To simplify matters, Warren says Oswald-did-it, after criticism, "Castro-did-it, still not believed by Joe Public, so now Russia-did-it, first from Eddowes and now Epstein. Where do we go from here? To the truth by any chance!!!!

I have to demolish one of your queries with the enclosed evidence of the mysterious "Oswald photograph" which De Mohrenschildt had in his possession. Here are copies of two pages from Oltmans' Dutch-language book. I think that De M finally gave Oltmans the actual photograph and he has it. I seem to remember that Dick Sprague told me that he had seen it in Holland - but don't quote me! Anyhow, the Russian inscription on the back (written by Marina?) translates as: "Here is the great fascist hunter- Ha-Ha-Ha!!!" Also, in English is: "To my friend George from Lee Oswald" and the date is 5/IV/63. The "IV" is the European way of signifying the Month and we usually abbreviate thus: Day/Month/Year (e.g. today is 14/3/78 and NOT 3/14/78 as in US). The date of the inscription is therefore: 5 April 1963 and NOT May 4 1963 as reported by Walter Bowart in his recent paperback, Operation Mind Control (p.203 of the British edition).

I can't vouch for the credibility - or otherwise - of the photo. I'll dodge the issue and leave that up to you. It certainly is interesting and a very smart bit of disinformation - if that is what it is.

I'll look forward to reading Epstein's effort here in the next few weeks. Are you aware of a reported two-part interview which, it appears he gave New York Magazine recently?

I'm working on No.24 of the newsletter and will get it to you as soon as I can.

I don't know how "big" these developments will be in your book, but with Blakey's silence I suppose that anything qualifies?

Anyhow, after our recent Sunday Mirror series of articles (which you were sent) this guy has surfaced with a sworn affidavit about a Cuban set-up in Ireland during JFK's tour in 1963. Here is the only clipping about it so far. Presently this guy, Galvin, is being checked out most carefully and I'll keep you posted.

On March 6 the BBC pulled a fast one on us by screening a "new" documentary on the JFK assassination. The responsibility according to them ended up with Mafia/CIA/Anti-Castro Cubans. If you are interested in a sound cassette of it just tell me and I'll send it over. I think that you will find it of great interest and I think that they have done a good job. I'll also be sending you a short article on the programme by its producer Anthony "The Hunt for the Tsar" Summers.

Its all been happening over here so I'll now hope for a few quiet weeks to catch up with things.

All the best in the meantime and I'll be looking forward to your reactions - and views and news.....

Warm regards,

Henry