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Mr. Richard Margeson
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Dear Mr. Margeson,

Thank you for your most interesting letter of the 30th of August, which I have read and re-read several times. To synthesize what you are saying, if I am correct, it is that you know things about Lawrence Howard and his cohorts which cast an entirely new light on the assassination of President Kennedy; that you heard discussions between Howard, Hall, and Seymour in 1962 which you interpret as having constituted planning of the assassination of the President; and that some years after the assassination you experienced an odd incident which caused you to fear for the safety of your family and yourself, presumably because you possessed information incriminating Howard, Hall, and Seymour.

I assume that you will flesh all this out in the autobiographical book which you are writing, and that it will then become possible to evaluate your allegations. From what you have told me thus far, however, I cannot reach any judgment. Threats against the President's life and even discussion of plans to eliminate him can be traced to a number of persons and groups of persons (organized crime, Cuban exiles, labor czars, and White Supremacists come readily to mind). The problem is that solid forensic evidence must be produced to prove that this or that group went beyond discussion and planning into concrete action, and that has not been done by official investigators or by individual researchers and critics.

In any case, as I told you on the telephone, my present role is a passive one and I can only give you the moral support you requested in your attempt to uncover the truth. I wish you all success in that endeavor.

Yours sincerely,