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Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th and its enclosure. About Senator Hollings: a few days after his original comments on the Warren Commission, he repeated virtually the same remarks on another TV program. He seems to have strong feelings about it. Also, he is pressing the White House for its telephone logs, in pursuit of the wide-spread rumor that it was WH pressure that caused NASA to proceed with the launch despite weather and other negative indications.

I'm really sorry that Summers did not connect with Burkley. Roger Peinman is reexamining all the Burkley data (as I believe that he has already written you) and I share his view that an attempt should be made to interview him before he goes to his reward. He is, I believe, well into his eighties. I was struck particularly by Burkley's statement that he supervised everything that was done. Incidentally, the transcript of Burkley's oral history is now freely available and Roger has sent for a copy, which he will share with me.

About the book in preparation on a Communist/Mafia conspiracy, I am bound by confidentiality. I can only tell you that I am very unhappy about the author's thesis, while recognizing that he is both serious and sincere.

Your preliminary draft notes on a national security autopsy are most interesting and well-reasoned although, like so much of our work, suppositious.

No other developments here on the JFK case; I imagine that you are already aware of the slight movement on the release of the LAPD summary report on the RFK assassination.

All the best,