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Dear Bill,

Thank you for returning "The Scavengers" which is, as you say, sick and malicious. I will try to answer the questions you posed in your letter, without too much regard for paragraphing, etc.

Lee Sauvage: He phoned me last week and is looking forward to meeting you on your next visit. I can't think he was offended when you had to cancel your visit. Mary Ferrell: I am mystified by Peter's suggestion of something odd or mysterious. Mary works for the head of a Dallas law firm, which may or may not have handled legal work for persons connected with the case. I do know that Mary has established a friendship with Marina. But, as distasteful as that may be, one must understand that Mary would make friends with the devil if it would yield her new information about the assassination. She turns no one away. I do not agree with Mary very much but I admire her energy, adventuresomeness, and her real contribution to the establishment of a record.

Joachim Joesten: He has been dead for some long time, due to natural causes, so far as I know. Information on him can be found in Commission Exhibits 1803 and 2708-2709 (in the 26 volumes, to which I assume you have access). He used to publish a newsletter of rather mediocre quality and was an ardent devotee of Jim Garrison, against all logic and fact.

Penn Jones: He tried to be a serious critic and did help to keep alive interest in the assassination. I understand from Mary Ferrell that he is now senile and destitute and completely out of it. I have no address or phone number for him---if anyone sees, it is Mary.

Robert Groden: He is a very appealing young man whom I always like when I see him. I've met him only occasionally over the years. He did excellent work in enhancing the Zapruder film and making it familiar to the public on TV. He also did excellent work as a consultant for the House Committee and wrote a sharp dissent from some of its findings. For some reason, a number of the critics do not wholly trust him. When Chris told me of his contract with another Lensen TV station, my instinctive reaction was that some independent confirmation of that should be found. It is possible that it may be a ploy to raise the bid for his services. I hope that I am not doing him an injustice---I really knew of nothing solid that casts any shadow on his integrity.

AIB: Yes, they did very good work. We can talk about them when you are here again, although Paul Hoch knows far more about AIB than I do. Robert Kanftel: I have never met him but I believe he is a good researcher. However, he is now working on a cruise ship and only Paul will know how to reach him. Richarda Popkin: I have heard nothing of him for many years. It seemed that he had lost his marbles and was completely off the wall. Cyril Wecht: The last address I have for him dates back to 1975. At that time it was 542 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219. Sylvan Fex: I know of no "story" behind his book.

Wimbledon was great. The Mets are at the pinnacle.

All the best,