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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of Oct. 14. I look forward to receiving those things you mentioned sending.

Thanks also for clarifying the thing about Wecht. Harold had told me explicitly that he knew for a fact that Cyril was to get to see them. I told Ned to contact you because, among other things, you know Cyril. Harold heard directly from someone connected with Bud (Jim Lesar I imagine) that the request had been granted. I was taking his word for this. When Ned relayed my question as to the accuracy of his information back to him, (which I reinforced by noting your lack of knowledge of it), Harold replied that you weren't being kept up-to-date. Unfortunately, as usual Harold has placed himself in the position of being the only one who knows the right solutions. He wrote Wecht a very long letter which is not very direct. The problem which I always feel faced with when Harold is writing in such an exaggerated fashion in his letters is that often there is a core of fact which is important to note. And sometimes he is not exaggerating but being appropriately upset. The problem is how to judge when.

If it looks like Wecht will be in on the X-rays and photographs I would be interested in being in on the discussion of what they show. I have done a lot of thinking about the medical end of the case. It would depend on when it was whether or not I could make the time.

Ned mentioned your disagreement with Harold's theory on the Kennedys. Jerry Policoff, who just called, does not agree either. Even if I did agree I wouldn't get involved in protecting them. Ned did understand that you might be willing to help edit the book at some future date, but not until next year. We would not consider sending you anything until we had gone over it quite carefully. At present the main problem is that my views on the most effective way to present the evidence and what the strongest are are apparently quite at variance with Harold's. In this area I feel I have much experience since much of the time I have devoted to the case has been PR type work, from speeches and radio and TV work, to meetings with officials.

On Ned, Harold has been very negative about his going out and interviewing people, although he has compromised and said that it was OK once Ned found a publisher for the book. Confidentially, I have a feeling (which Ned shares) that Harold really doesn't want those interviews done, at least by Ned. In terms of interviews, I had in mind anyone of substance connected with the commission. Ned has the social and financial position to arrange to meet with just about anyone, from my experience, and might finally be able to ask some questions of those who have not been available to us. Furthermore, he is less threatening than any of us in not being a critic and in being of a similar socio-economic level to many bigwigs. If we are really after the truth I see little purpose in feeling satisfied with the failure of officials to respond to some of Harold's letters or the fact that they refused interviews years ago. I view this as a complicated affair in which some may have aided coverup for reasons very different from each other. Harold plays a funny double standard, paying close attention to things Tom Keyley of the SS gives him and yet worrying about others with

with a vested interest giving self-serving statements. If we want to go beyond just analyzing the physical evidence, or failures in the investigation, and try to separate error from coverup, we simply have to be willing to further investigate those involved in the investigation and report. We are lacking data, and won't know until we try how much we can still learn. Well, before I digress further, I guess my point is that I think something may be accomplished by further interviewing at present, and perhaps more than we think is possible depending on how much times have changed. I hope that either we are misreading Harold or he changes his mind because for this book to be acceptable in my book at least, much work, some changes, and some new interviewing is necessary.

Well, I'd better go now. I know you're busy so no need to answer this. I just wanted to keep you informed.

Best wishes,

Gay

PS: I was just appointed to the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, & Inebriety Board of the Metropolitan council. My first subcommittee assignment will involve looking into possible collusion between insurance companies and hospitals! The assignment is likely pure chance, but what a coincidence given my assassination work.