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Dear Gordon,

Thanks very much for your interesting letter of the 22nd (and please do call me by my first name). I was pleased with your favorable appraisal of the Garrison investigation...but the next day, the Phelan article in the Saturday Evening Post of 6 May 1967 revived and increased the uneasiness I had mentioned in my earlier letter, about Russo and Bundy. You have no doubt seen the Phelan article by now, so I won't go into the contents except to say that it is rather difficult to dismiss his article out of hand, however great the emotional temptation.

About the National Enquirer—I have been warned by someone on their staff to regard everything they publish with utmost scepticism. Small wonder. Their treatment of the Gongora story (or the space they made available to Ross, who was a Trujillo agent and now makes a career of pandering to the Batistiano exiles, if nothing worse) is typical of their utter indifference to logic, facts, and objectivity. Do look at CE 1144, if you have not yet read it; I think you will agree that Gongora is a pathetic deranged homeless man, sick mentally and physically, and that he is being exploited by people like Ross for quite ugly purposes.

We must wait and see what further developments take place in New Orleans. True, I am uneasy and sometimes sceptical; yet I hope fervently that Garrison will come through with everything he promised, and vindicate himself completely. I would like to see the press shamed for their hostility and denigration of Garrison from the first moment, and ~~before~~ before there was any justification for criticism or doubt. They set out to destroy him; and even if he has subsequently given some cause for misgivings, the performance of the news media remains insidious and disgraceful.

Do remain in touch, Gordon, and let me know the progress of your own work from time to time. Needless to say, I'll be glad to discuss any questions of evidence that arise, if I have any relevant information. I sometimes feel "passe," specialized as I am in the 26 volumes, and without direct knowledge of what is going on now in New Orleans or Dallas. Your summary of your impressions was therefore all the more valuable, and I do appreciate the trouble you took in writing.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,