

November 17, 1977

Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th, which just arrived. I appreciate your comments on my Schorr piece. As far as I know, there has been very little reaction to what he wrote, and I'm not sure that my response was worth all the time I put ~~into~~ into it. Maybe this November 22 the story won't be Castro-did-it. I'm ~~expecting~~ expecting something, however.

No news from here on the Army/Hidell hypothesis. I'm not inclined to give it to my friends in the press - partly because it is too ~~subtle~~ subtle to be news, and partly because the HSC might be working on it. But I guess I will, when the FBI file gets released.

Did you see Lardner's piece in the Washington Post of 11/6 (p. 1)? Quite interesting; I can send you a copy if you want! I guess I really don't have any solid information to contradict his (and Weisberg's) very pessimistic view of what the Committee is up to.

Enclosed are my notes on the forthcoming FBI release (and the first 600 pages), plus one of the more interesting items (#95). I hope you can get in touch with Bud and the AIB people on this. I talked to Jeff Goldberg a couple of days ago; he was trying to think of people who could spend some time in Washington looking at this stuff. I would like to see at least the good parts, but I'm not free to travel now. I think you would be the ideal person to ~~review~~ review this material!! As you can see from my notes, I think it would be fairly easy to select (say) 10% of the file and pick out 99% of the good stuff. If we can cut things down to a manageable size - 1000 or even 8000 pages - then we will be in good shape. (Even 8000 pages ~~could~~ could be copied for about \$250 out here.) You are one of the few people I would trust to pick out the good items. Jeff and I were tossing around names of people; I thought of you later and mentioned you in a letter I wrote him this morning.

Since things might start moving quickly, if you would be interested in going down to Washington for a few days or whatever, it might be a good idea to call Bud or the AIB.

I would certainly like to do what I can from out here, and I ~~am~~ hope something can be worked out.

Must rush now - Beth is demanding attention!

Best,

Paul

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