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cc: SM, MEF

February 19, 1978

Dear Jim,

First, here is our new address. It can be used for mail now, but we won't actually be moving until March 4:

1525 Acton St., Berkeley CA 94702.

The phone number will be changed (and listed), but we don't know the new one yet. (It will go in on 2/22; we will have both phones for a while.)

As you can imagine, moving will keep us busy for a while, but I am still eager to see some more documents. I haven't received the post-WC-period material you mentioned on the phone. Also, I was a bit surprised to see references in the newsletter to several documents which I haven't seen. What is the status of the documents you have selected? I thought you would be sending me everything, and that I would make the necessary lists and pass the documents on to Sylvia and Mary. If you have copied too much to make this practical, or if there is some other reason for a change of plans, please let me know.

David Lifton said that he had heard that the entire release was being sold on microfiche by the New York Times for around \$300. Do you know anything about this? If this report is correct, maybe we could get back to your earlier idea of getting a full set and dividing it up (and passing it around). Some of us might have trouble getting ready access to fiche readers (I wouldn't), and I don't know if copies can be printed from fiche for less than 10¢ per page, but it might be worth looking into.

Have you seen Haldeman's comments on the Bay of Pigs thing? He says that "it seems" that when Nixon referred to the Bay of Pigs, "he was actually referring to the Kennedy assassination." Very interesting, but it may well be that Haldeman actually got this idea from Schorr - as he says - and that he really knows less about this than we do.

I just got the first issue of the L.A. Free Press yesterday. It certainly convinced me that Lane's break with the HSC is a good sign. Lane's piece on the CIA and Mexico is appalling in a way I find a little hard to pin down. Either he is very shrewd, manipulative, and intellectually dishonest, or he simply doesn't understand how to interpret evidence. (Or both.) Maybe he's headed down the same road as Joesten. Or maybe the Washington Star fed him a pill!

The newsletter, by the way, is really excellent. Harold said it is "by and large good," for you all in particular, which passes for high praise from him! I'll try to pass on some detailed comments later. Offhand, I only recall one thing I noticed: I suspect that Hoover's apparently critical reference to their "unduly restrictive" policy (p. 7, col. 2) was sarcastic, since I think that was just the language the Commission used to criticize their non-referral of LHO to the SS (which upset JEH greatly).

Speaking of Harold, I think he would be receptive to a proposal for some sort of access to his copy of the files if it came from you, me, Mary and Sylvia together. If I had some idea of how much of the file is post-1964, and how good it generally is, I would consider asking him to loan out a volume or two at a time (fully insured) for me to list and/or selectively Xerox.

Enclosed are my hasty comments on the HSC interim report. Also, some comments on the Gale memo of 10/10/63 (with copies for SM and MEF; you should have a copy by now). Also, for JK only, a ZNS story on the HSC report, and the photo from DC you asked for. (A note of special interest is on p. 2 of my HSC comments.) For JK and SM: a letter from Mary, with enclosures re John Glenn. As I recall, Glenn is a very interesting Oswald-paralyt type. Enclosed for all: my list of #389-425, the first of which came from Harold. I'll send the documents themselves with the next big batch, or sooner. Mary: I know you have #413-425, the Ruby PCI file - SM and JK, do you want these pages?

Jim: We discussed this earlier, but if you run into any documents you would like me, Mary and Sylvia to see, but which for some reason should remain "unrecorded" and not generally waved about, we can certainly do that. If the press has generally lost interest, and you are planning to publish a collection, that might be the best thing to do.

Sincerely, Paul