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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th. Enclosed are the Hacker and New Republic reviews of Epstein, and CIA #76, which you requested; also, ~~XXXXXX~~ some notes by Brad Sparks, an undergrad here ~~XXX~~ who is a UFO ~~buff~~ buff, an expert on CIA organization and history, and a bit of ~~XX~~ an assassination buff. I can't vouch for everything he ~~says~~ but he is reasonable, and his background material on ~~the~~ the history of CIA ~~XX~~ jurisdictional conflicts with military intelligence might be relevant. (A name is deleted on page 3 because it would lead back to one of Brad's confidential sources.)

I am told that 132 pages of just-released FBI documents are in the mail to me. This appears to be pre-assassination ~~XXX~~ stuff from the HQ files entitled ~~XXXX~~ FPCC, Funds Transmitted to residents of Russia, etc. Depending on when I get these pages and how interesting they are, I'll enclose, or send later, some notes and/or documents.

I haven't gotten any FBI documents to speak of since I sent you through #462 ~~X~~ on 3/1. When I talked to Jeff ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Goldberg, I told him I didn't think going through the files was as high a priority as keeping up their press contacts and keeping an eye on the HSC, since they have very limited manpower. I understand that Bob Ramftel is spending time in the files, partly checking out ~~things~~ things at Lifton's request. I expect that I'll start getting documents from that operation in due course, and I'll keep you informed. There are all ~~sorts~~ sorts of internal difficulties at the AIB, I gather, and things seem to be up in the air on many fronts, not just regarding the FBI files.

I'm still trying to convince the U.C. library to get the microfiche edition of the files, and to find out if anyone else in this ~~area~~ area has already ordered them. No luck so far. Eventually, I certainly want to look at some of this stuff myself, ~~but~~ but for the time being I expect my priorities will be the 132 pages from the pre-assassination files, plus the forthcoming CIA release (now due by mid-June).

With best regards,

Paul

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P.S. 5/24:

The 132 pages of FBI documents haven't arrived yet. For this the Post ~~Office~~ Office is raising the rates?

Enclosed is a ~~chronological~~ chronological listing of the FBI items we already have.

I just ~~learned~~ learned that the microfiche edition has been delayed until at least August, and that the only California purchaser so far is in L.A. So, I guess I won't be seeing these files for a while.

PLH