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(Fred Newcomb)

Dear Fred,

Thanks for your recent note sending me the CD's on Abraham Bolden and Eugene Dinkin. The latter were especially interesting. I wonder if the intervening years have shown him to be a "psycho", as the FBI reports imply. I suspect that Dinkin has a high IQ and that his deducing—before, or even after the event—that there was a high-level military plot against JFK's life shows superior insight and analytical power, the kind that to the stereotypical conformist mentality of an Army or FBI hack would inevitably appear to be mental aberration.

Things have been quiet, all around, generally speaking. I don't count the barrage of letters from Harold W., giving blow-by-blow accounts of his wars with his publishers, book reviewers, and sundry other enemies, double-crossers, and miscellaneous villains. It is embarrassing to admit it, but I haven't got past page 200 of his book, try as I may to make progress. Have you managed to wade through his febrile prose?

I guess you have had no further word from or about Lifton and his legendary book. What about your own work? If you start writing now, I am sure you will still beat out his publishing date by about three years and 47 months.

Best to you and Marlynn,

As ever,