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Dear Fred,

You know already, I think, that I have been ill and hospitalized for most of the summer. There have been inevitable mix-ups and slip-ups in personal correspondence. It was only today that your letter of 24 September 1972 turned up. I have checked very hastily my correspondence with Lifton and found that he and I were exchanging sarcastic arguments in July 1970 (if not earlier as well) on his hypothesis of Secret Service involvement and culpability. His theory was not identical with yours but did postulate a central role in the assassination for the SS. I don't think it would be ethical for me to give a more fleshed-out indication of the Lifton hypothesis (even if I could remember its details).

I wish you well--all the very best--with your manuscript and feel deeply disappointed that my very poor health over the last four months has kept me from any meaningful contribution or detailed commentary. I am still on the sick-list, this time with asthma and bronchitis.

Best, always,

*Sylvia*