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Dear George,

Perhaps I misinterpreted Paul Hoch's position, but I do distinctly remember receiving a letter from him sometime last year in which he expressed misgivings about Garrison on certain points but seemed (to me) to be generally sympathetic and even hopeful. After the supreme fiasco of the Shaw trial, in a letter on a different subject, Hoch said something to the effect that he was too heartsick to comment on the trial--at least, that is my recollection. If I am wrong, I am delighted, but nothing in my own contacts with Paul or in letters from mutual friends and colleagues made it clear that he was disillusioned with Garrison. Of course, I completely accept your clarification on this score.

I am already using Paul's indexes as one of the basic sources from which I formulate my requests for documents from the Archives. Now that it is only 10¢ a page for copies, I would not want to burden other researchers to make copies for me, and wrap and mail them. The time is better spent on research. However, I do appreciate having my attention called to important documents which I should have and can order from the Archives. You have already mentioned pages from several CDs and perhaps one day I will send you a list of everything I have obtained, so that you and/or Paul can suggest additional CDs which I should order.

Do not underestimate Joachim Joesten--he has NOT forgotten the Rev. A.D. King but has immediately included him as a co-victim of the same conspiracy that disposed of his own brother and the two Kennedy brothers.

I guess neither of us has been exquisitely clear on the question of the ammo clip. We do agree, I see, on the lack of authentication and on the other suspect features (it was not heard to drop to the floor by the witness--or witnesses--(no, it is singular, I think only Harold Norman claimed to hear the shells fall) on the fifth floor, and if it did drop unheard and the so-called "assassin" reinserted it in the rifle, then the split-second timing postulated by the WR is further diminished). However, the chap in Canada (Bernabei, if you know of him) made the point that (1) the ammo clip was not ejected from the rifle in the first instance, as it should have been, because of some irregularity in the clip itself or the spring mechanism, and (2) that the photograph in which the clip is seen in the rifle carried by Lt. Day corroborates the claim that it was in fact present in the weapon when the weapon was discovered on the sixth floor. Clearly, rather a different set of conclusions than you and I might draw. Bernabei has written me that he tried repeatedly to fire a replica rifle and clip and that finally he succeeded in a test firing in which the replica clip did not eject.

As you know, my normal job is at the UN where we are now in the first stages of the General Assembly. I was fascinated to find on the list of delegations that William T. Coleman (ex-WC lawyer who handled the State Department witnesses) is one of the USA delegates, among such stellar personalities as Little Miss Marker (Black, by marriage, still sweet and dimpled of face, and wholly medieval in political complexion as well as lacking in brains). How I would love to get at Coleman! I will keep alert for possible opportunities but I suppose he would have neither time nor inclination to discuss the WR. Best regards,