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Dear George,

That was a most enjoyable and well-written letter. You have quite a flair with words, and this is great material to take-off on. The saga of Crisman et al really should be published, for the general edification, and for the anguish it would give The Faithful.

Crisman, by the way, first popped up in public events in 1948 or 1949, as one of the principals in the notorious Maury Island flying saucer hoax which led indirectly to the accidental death of two Air Force officers sent to investigate the matter, in an air crash. Crisman appears to have been the chief engineer of the hoax, and a generally unsavory guy. But I feel certain he was not one of the three tramps at Dealey Plaza. Dick Sprague is a very nice guy personally but he doesn't have brains to match, and his leaps to unfounded conclusions are usually breathtaking. He has, of course, resisted disenchantment with the Louisiana paragon and martyr.

I am very glad you asked again about the Subject Index. I had had a nagging feeling of having overlooked something that I should have included in my letter of the 18th, and I realize now that what I had intended to say then was that the Subject Index is now available again, under an arrangement just recently suggested. Details in the enclosed "notice."

Also enclosed are some jingles in praise of The Mastermind, composed after attempting to index the characters connected with the garrison carnival in an effort to discharge the blizzard of names swirling in my head. The metre is not very good but it does reflect the chaos and proliferation of the great investigation.

I am very glad that your colleague discovered a reference to Oswald's attendance at the Gary Powers trial. I don't think this is the same item that I remembered vaguely and tried unsuccessfully to locate, which I recall as a colloquy during someone's testimony in which the witness mentioned Oswald's having dropped in at the trial and the Commission, or one of its members, rather, said "Is that so?" or other words expressing surprise. However, I am delighted that, thanks to your friend, there is now a known citation that does substantiate the facts as such.

Epstein never answered my letter but it is perfectly clear where he stands--squarely on the side of the WH and the Establishment, as an accessory to its non-Truth. I refer to his latest attempt to rehabilitate the WH, in the NY Times Magazine of Sunday 4/20/69, the nature of which will be clear from the enclosed copy of my letter to the editor.

Again, thanks for your most entertaining and informative letter. My own goodnight is to Darryl Click, wherever he is, which is where I suspect Clay Bertrand is too.

Hastily,

Enclosures (3)

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