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Dear Vince:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to Sylvia as well as the text of your review. I believe that, in your review, you are making a significant contribution. I identify with everything specifically said in that review; but I do not identify with the proportions and emphases. The criticism you have of Epstein's book is valid, but valid as it is, it is far from constituting a judicious evaluation of Epstein's book. For such a purpose you have insufficiently dissected the significance of Epstein's evidence exposure. The paragraph before last is merely a general statement of affirmation, which one could interpret as a reluctant payment of some general tribute to cover up the refusal of going very specifically into the positive sides of Epstein's work.

Usually, it is I who is rather harsh in his judgment of others. I appreciate, however, that the Assassination involves such complex problems that one can hardly expect of anybody to be both a significant investigator of the case as well as a brilliant analyst of it. If Epstein contributed significantly in the capacity of investigator, I think that we should be somewhat lenient on him for his inadequacy as an analyst.

While I agree, fully, that Epstein was very timid in his judgment, I know all too many

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people to assume that whenever somebody is timid in drawing conclusions from his own knowledge of facts, he necessarily does so in bad faith. Surprising as this may be to you and me, timidity does exist also on the subconscious level. I believe such to be Epstein's timidity. By which I mean that he is probably unaware of the inner brakes that caused him not to draw certain conclusions.

Before I close I cannot eschew the temptation to tell you that one could take the last sentence of your review and do to it a pretty similar job as you have done to Epstein's book. For would you not be hard pressed if someone demanded that you substantiate what you present as your conviction, namely that ours is a "democratic system" and the challenge is to continue it?

I think that the truth about Epstein's book lies in a synthesis of your and Sylvia's reviews. I am glad that you have made no significant a contribution to such a synthesis.

I am leaving tomorrow morning for Puerto Rico. Will get in touch with you after I return.

Best regards and love to  
you and Livy,

*M. S. Arnoni / mw*

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Dictated by Mr. Arnoni  
Signed in his absence, mw

✓ cc: Sylvia Meagher