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Dear Sylvia:

After speaking with you on the telephone about developments in the JFK post-assassination political drama I read the Times of the 1st before 9/9/75 and found: "Earlier today (presumably 9/8), Senator Richard Schweiker ... called for the Senate to reinvestigate the assassination of President Kennedy, because of the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald ... and Jack Ruby had connections with the CIA and Bureau of Investigation."

It is what one would expect from a politician who sees the rising tide and doesn't want to be marooned. The Times piece concludes with: "This afternoon, Senator Church and Senator John C. Stennis ... issued a joint statement ... 'we do not think there is sufficient evidence to justify reopening the commission ...'"

When I went to file this item I found a folder identified "Schweiker" containing a clipping from the Times, dated in Wash; July, 10, report by Edward Cowan: "Senator Richard S. Schweiker ... recommended today the reopening of an official investigation into the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy to determine whether it was linked to CIA plans to assassinate Fidel Castro of Cuba." Senator Schweiker ... said he had no specific evidence

of judicial connection but said that the Warren Commission had failed to explore the theory. The senator linked the omission to the presence in the commission of Allen W. Dulles, then Director of the CIA. And go on about pinning presidents to assassinations schemes (and this on CBS (!) "Face the Nation".

Question: Under any circumstances and no matter what the evidence, is Schweiker ever going to vote in Senate committees or the Senate proper or in any official government capacity, that the government of the United States was an accessory after the fact to murder of its chief of state? The answer, I believe, is obvious. I hope you agree.

I said "no matter what the evidence." I recall that in the Sacco-Vanzetti ^{defense} was able to produce a confession from one of the gang who committed the payroll-robbery-murder with which S-V were charged. The evidence was completely culpable. It availed nothing. S-V were executed. The funeral procession was attacked savagely by police. Not a single member of the Kennedy clan, to my knowledge, had denounced the frame up of the "anarchist bastards".

Exclusive preoccupation with ^{physical} evidence is reduction of politics to legal mumbo jumbo. As a board

to truth it has only limited possibilities. If Physical evidence, in particular, because of its invariably contradictory nature, is only an anteroom to truth or falsehood, which imply each other, one cannot exist without the other. When one strikes a light one creates shadows; pass a law, create a crime.

Truth lies outside the evidence. Truth about political murder is political. To take a non-political stance is to shut the door to truth, open it to liars.

Truth in the JFK assassination is beyond the reach of Schweitzer and all the Senators Congressmen, and all other government officials. It will surface in consequence of political analysis and historical research.

Forgive my vehemence. I was thinking of Wecht, Weinman, Weisberg, et al.

In a foreword, chuckle over the following —
"It is in the political agent's interest to betray all the parties who use him and to work for them all at the same time so that he may move freely and penetrate everywhere." This appears on the flyleaf of a paperback novel. The author of the quotation is ~~Barthelemy~~ Marie Louis Antoine Gaston Bourcier

(1823-1908), a Fr. scholar and historian of Roman civilization. author of *Studies of Roman Area*, *The decline of paganism*, *Opposition to the Caesars*, and *Biographies of Latin poets*. The title of the paperbound novel is *The Berlin Ending*; the author is E. Howard Hunt!

Thomas