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Dear Tink,

I am grateful to you for taking the trouble, in the midst of your last-minute change of plans, to send me the tape. As you surmised, I do not have the proper tape recorder on which to play it. I hesitate to tamper with the cassette, which is completely unfamiliar to me. Is it possible to rewind the tape on to a spool so that it could be played on my two-speed Craig tape recorder? If not, shall I mail the cassette back to you at the San Francisco address, or hold it for your return to Haverford?

Also, in the consternation of last week, I forgot the Notes by Lifton on the case of Kerry Thornley. If you left the material in Haverford, never mind. If you did take it with you, mail it back whenever it is convenient.

By the way, I may owe you an apology, in re Julia Mercer. I was searching for some material in my files this morning and found that I had a set of CDs of FBI interviews of Julia Mercer, which I feel sure you must have made available to me. I had no recollection of having them, and no recollection of their contents. The reason, I suspect, is that my head got overstuffed with data at some past point, and I just stopped registering. Ray Marcus undoubtedly would scoff at such an "innocent" explanation and never believe that I was not as religiously familiar with his work and his discoveries as with my own; but I know that you will understand that there can be papers in my files of which I have no conscious recollection! In any case, when I wrote that I had not seen the Julia Mercer documents until seeing the published copy of Six Seconds, it was in good faith, although I now realize that you must have given me the CDs long before that.

My apologies, friend, and also for having reneged last Sunday and missed seeing you before your departure. I had really been looking forward to the visit, and to meeting Nancy and the young Thompsons. Nothing less than the kind of incredible jolt we all experienced would have kept me away, and I am still struggling to take it all in, emotionally and "professionally." I am still aghast at the insidious commentary, about which we were both so disturbed, although at the same time I have the impression that quite a few people (Truman Capote, for one, I am told) are finally moved, like Ted Kennedy, to reconsider the sacrosanct Warren Report. At what a cost!

Have a lovely, lovely summer, Tink. I haven't the vaguest plans yet, no time to think, but will be writing again. All the best, always,