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Dear Sylvia,

So it was Tippet's button and not  
bullet after all! Awfully glad you shot  
a wild guess before we chased it any further.

When you get a copy of the letter review  
do send it. I remember reading the transcript  
and would be curious to see what you made of  
it.

I saw in the Herald Tribune yesterday a  
report about a Chicago resident, one Seabright,  
who is suing the Archbis for release of certain  
documents, claiming there was a plot to shoot JFK  
in Chicago on Nov. 2nd at ~~the~~ a football  
game. The article mentioned that the same guy  
had managed to avoid several Chicago judges for  
corruption the year before. Anything to it. I'm  
bothered by certain logical difficulties in the way  
of a more than other issues. plots to Dallas, 22 Nov.  
There may have been several groups planning to kill  
JFK in Nov. 1963. Yet there was a group planned  
to kill him in Mexico or Chicago do not mean  
that they executed the killing in Dallas.

Just finished a most interesting book, The  
Limits of Intervention. It is clearly self-serving, paints  
the author (Under Sec. of the Air Force) and his friends in  
the best possible light, and his enemies in the worst  
light. But it does give a fascinating picture of just  
how decisions are made or not made in Washington.  
The characterization of the turn around in Vietnam  
policy in March 1968 is so detailed that Johnson's  
recent TV characterization of the same period becomes  
farcical. And the fortuity that reigns throughout --  
Johnson, Poston, Proak, Wheeler, Sharp, Westmoreland  
And the fork loyalty and cowardice of Mc Namara.  
And all this stupid or cruel men are still rewarded  
-- Westmoreland, whose incompetence cost tens of  
thousands of lives, was promoted, and Mc Namara who  
never had the courage to oppose a policy he came to realize  
was disastrous, was loaned out to posture in <sup>the</sup> World Bank.

And perhaps the most appalling thing of all. All these nice  
Fuchs, eager types; Vane, Warrick, Nitz, Hoopes --  
after they understood that the policy is both foolish and  
infinitely dangerous -- the most extreme thing they can  
think of doing, is to quietly resign. One sends the  
hand with a feeling of awesome contempt for the  
whole crew, but least the very nervous, very intelligent,  
oh so typical ones.

Good luck with all these  
2000 pp. from the Archers. But less.

Tom

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