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Dear Sylvia,

I enjoyed your succinct and apt hair-dryer characterization of Epstein. Appreciate your taking the time to answer when you are so busy.

I was reading your letter today when I got a phone call that in part related to Bringuier. This reminds me to tell you that if I haven't told you I had done a considerable amount of work on him, having a rather large quantity of what I regard as very solid information, have absolutely no doubt that he perjured himself with Liebeler's protection if not actual connivance, and is about as far to the extreme right as one can get. He is not alone connected with Hargis, as I published, but I now have the proof of his Walker friendship. He is anti-black, of which I have proof, and anti-Semitic, of which I have reports from dependable experts but not proof. I have more on him and his connections in COUP, to which I have just returned. Hopefully I'll have about 20 pages of documents in the appendix and could extend this. They are all Batista boys and have made an inroad into US Republican politics, especially in the South, with a Nixon pipeline probably available. If it is, it is also the best.

Bud stopped in this afternoon, on his way home from a cross-country jaunt and with nothing exciting to report as a consequence, at least nothing exciting that he did report. However, he met with the right-wing group of researchers in Dallas and offered them my help and cooperation, including personal escorting, on a trip they plan to Washington! I'll do it. If I could do it for the likes of Mike Berlin, and help Viking when they asked for help on Epstein's work, this is no compromise. My reason for mentioning this is that there may be something you'd like to ask of them. I'll be glad to. The two who are coming are Kimbrough and Farrell. They have an enormous amount of material, from the reports I've had, but I fear the tint of the lenses through which they read everything. Do not let my bias influence you if there is something you'd like to ask of them. Kimbrough once phoned me a long time ago about a movie he was putting together. Sue Fitch, the third of the group, is said to be even more to the right and politically active.

As you know, rumors spread and sometimes with less than total fidelity. Someone is said to have been in N.C. in the recent past and to have told you Garrison feels the only one of the critics who did not leave him down is Vince. I find this both credible and amusing, not at all out of character. Another report that has reached me is that you have promised to read Lifton's book when it is completed. If this is the case (and I think it desirable that whenever possible at least one other person read each book) and there are any ways I can help you without my seeing it or knowing the content (for he has an insane fear that I am stealing whatever he has whereas I have no interest in him or his work, regarding both as undependable at best), I would be happy. I make this offer because it is possible I might be able to report to you his different interpretations of the same ostensible facts and some of the slipping over the bar of which I know from our conversations. I am terrified to think that he might seriously consider trying to get published what he assured me he could prove. He and Newcomb have been deeply engaged in a virulent campaign against me. Let them enjoy. I have paid it no heed except when some have asked me for answers to some of the ridiculous charges. Then I have consulted my records. I was recently quite surprised to see that one of our group had reported he was ~~was~~ doing similar things by July 1966. We never met until 12/66, the one meeting I could not avoid because it would have embarrassed Bill, my host. I could think of only papier mache trees and Brown & Root tunnels. However, we had a phone conversation of perhaps 2 hours duration ~~xxx~~ the end of last October. no less frightening. I am convinced he is sick.

Bert H