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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for the Helsinki citation. I've put it in the notes for that work. If you could carry a little slip with you and whenever you think of anything that does or can bear on the question of Oswald as a possible agent of some kind make a note of it for me, I'd appreciate it. I forget and have forgotten so much, and I'm trying to carry too many aspects in mind simultaneously.

Your concluding paragraph is, of course, the nitty-gritty. It is what I've been saying for years, is the doctrine of TIGER, which I'd researched in 1965, and is explicit in COUP as of more than two years ago.

It may not be possible, and I don't want a lot of talk about it because too many small problems can magnify the larger ones, but I'm trying to arrange for a private printing of the entire POST MORTEM plus a popular condensation, and someone is going to do the latter in the hope of attracting commercial publishing interest in it despite the publisher attitude that the entire subject is dead. The full work will include an appendix of all the new evidence, all those things of note cited in the text, and should make a very difficult thing for many people to live with. When you have seen the last part you may better understand this.

Had it not been for many necessary interruptions, I'd have commenced my own editing of the first part. This is complicated by the limited amount of work my wife can do. I can paste up hunks of it, but not hunks with a word out here and another there. That will take some time, and because of time pressures I may have to forgo such occasional words that, in cobbler moments, may seem excessive. My chief concern with the first part is with finding as much as possible that I can remove in whole chunks, perhaps entire chapters. But as is always the case, I've never had a chance to read this since I wrote it (ditto for III, to be II). So until I can do that, I don't know what I'm into. My wife has about a third of the new final part retyped. Howard's suggestions were helpful. He did have time to read it when he was here.

A question comes up with the original III which is about 100 legal-sized pages. And the only copies I have are two pages per sheet, small type. Is it possible that you could reread this without overburdening yourself and using a red pencil to mark out words to defang some of it, my impression being that the anger is too sustained, and to make any other marginal notes you deem appropriate? If you can without serious intrusion into those things you must do and those you'd like to, it could be helpful. I tend to gloss over some of my own passion when I am reading it. And I'll not get to that until I have finished with the first part.

If this would not present any great hardship to you, I'll send you a copy.

Belin: I had no special plans for giving it to anyone. But that bastard imposed conditions on Howard I persuaded Howard to address, and I had no knowledge of whether or not you had any use intended, so I asked in order not to inadvertently do anything you might have preferred I not do.

When the third part is retyped, I'm going to have to try and find some money to get the master xeroxed and copyrighted. At that time I'll send you a copy. I hope you find it as definitive as I thin, and that this work, in toto, moves us into a different position as it can in public if it can get any attention. Meanwhile, my mind prefers to ignore editing and yearns to address what I have not completed.

Best regards,

