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Dear Mr. Williams,

It was good to hear from you again, and thank you for sending me the clipping about the film on the JFK assassination. I suppose you have already read the companion book, Farewell America, which is long on theory but woefully short on evidence.

Certainly there are an astonishing number of points of similarity between the JFK and Martin Luther King assassinations and their alleged perpetrators. On one score, there is certainly no room for doubt—that is, that both assassinations were carefully planned and executed by unknown conspirators with a view to fixing culpability on a "lone assassin." In the case of Ray, who remains alive, he has apparently been persuaded not to give the game away. In spite of his refusal to name the principals in the Memphis murder, the whole case reeks of a well-planned, well-financed conspiracy which may or may not be linked to Dallas.

As you say, the paranoids just may be right in general in their intuitive conclusions about the assassinations. The trouble is that by arguing on the basis of questionable evidence and defective logic they compromise those elements which may be valid and destroy any credibility which they might otherwise enjoy, and to some extent also detract from the credibility of authentic, well-supported challenges to the official theses.

The noisy paranoids and opportunists are chiefly responsible for the generally negative climate today and the almost insuperable difficulty of renewing responsible discussion of the Dallas assassination—the case in which the critics have the most unassailable and elaborate evidence that gives the lie to the findings of the Warren Commission.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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