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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter. Yers, Barnaldi's and I was read. His friends tell me his detour into into madness and alcoholism was terrifying, inexplicable and resistant to treatment although Kingston has outstanding psychiatric facilities.

One should count his blessings!

Blakey, in a low key fashion, is less responsible than Garrison. He accepts the Clinton story as regular Faria but not Shaw, quite Proxustean detection! He claims that he could secure indictments but on what basis? The Marcello/Trippicento is both unoriginal and unimpressive. He uses the work of Noyes, Scott, Galt, Reid, O'Lea et al., to go beyond their allegations without adducing any further evidence. Oddly, like Seth Kantor did name suspicious Dallas cops who might have had Mob and Ruby links, Blakey ignored or gave them cursory treatment. The published Mob interviews are rambling, vague and indicate no H.S.C.A. evidence on these interviews. What - saerue. The Marcello interview was not published because -

Beasley tells reporters on background - "Marcello" pleaded it. "I know he did!"

The facts indicate that Beasley delivers "The Mob Hit Kennedy" because they had motive, means, and opportunity, a non sequitur since such logic could be applied to countless groups, millions of people.

The H.S.C.A. observed numerous groups of complicity but since it did not know "the extent of the plot" or "the identity of the Second Gunman", how could they exclude anyone?

Their classification of the piece de resistance of their research occludes any credibility.

Tom Wicker tells this anecdote on Rumsfeld in his book, On Press. In 1964 at The L.B.N. Ranch, Johnson told Wicker, Douglas Kibler, and Paul Patter that he was "shocked" at some of the black activities of The CIA, including, Johnson said flatly complicity in the assassinations of Tuzillo and Diem.

What was their reaction?

They made a cryptic note lest it fall into irresponsible hands.

And they suppressed it for eleven years until Ford officials "looked" it. Hence, Wicker knew in 1964 the stories of CIA "plots" were no paranoid fantasies! Who needs government censorship! Could provide impetus on their journalistic approach?

Accessories in The definitive work. It gave The H.S.C.A.

A road map to follow
but they went into a
ditch.

Asked for his reaction
to The C.B.C. program with
Lifton, Blakey replied that
these "allegations should
be explored" as if that
wasn't his mandate.

Lifton's cry of "brawl"
may be anal probably is
right but his resolution
is absurd.

If Kennedy was shot
from the front, it means
that the body ~~was~~^{was} taken
or the autopsy data was
falsified. The latter appears
obvious. I believe actual
photographs of another
person were substituted.
The H.S.C.A. conceded that
it caused "authenticity" only
a few photographs and
it ruled out forges, not
photographs of another.

The autopsy was so
outdated it precluded
criticism from Bethesda
and an order was given
that Bethesda personnel
were forbidden to talk
under threat of court
martial. Blakey had to
get The Secretary of Defense
to rescind the order.

Now, of course, what
could they say since
they were guilty of accessory

and/or persons.

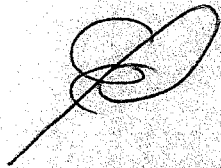
To believe anything else,
we must reject all
primary and most secondary
data. Why should we?

I really feel better.

Keep in touch.

I hope you are
enjoying your retirement.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials 'JL' or similar, written in dark ink.