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Dear John,

Unbelievably, your long and abrasive letter on Veciana etc, written in late February, only caught up with me here last week. Rather than replying in great detail, I am writing at once to thank you for taking so much trouble with something you clearly found very fishy.

Briefly, though, some answers to your very pertinent questions. The start of it all was when V was being questioned on general anti-Castro matters, not on the JFK thing, and mentioned his case officer 'Bishop' simply in that context. Veciana's arrest and trial has been insufficiently investigated. He says he was set up, and he has otherwise had a lifetime's clean record so far as crime is concerned. Fonzi did satisfy himself that something like the sum of dollars cited did come to V at the date mentioned. I managed to find corroboration for this too. Yes, Bishop did speak Spanish - like a Chilean, so far as I recall. My best answer is to your point 7 - the third person who set up meetings between V and Bishop. I traced the person, after the House Committee failed to pursue a lead Veciana gave them. The person confirmed the Bishop connection in a spontaneous way I found compelling - and as you say you'd like to hear. The Committee learned some details of V's employment in La Paz, but failed to follow up. Certainly V was there, in the post he claimed.

If you can bear it, get hold of my book Conspiracy, in its paperback edition just out from McGraw-Hill. I've added new detail on the whole V affair, and an afterword on Phillips etc.. I think that may answer some of your questions. If the bookshop says the book is not around, Kristina Lindbergh at McGraw-Hill, 1221, Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10020, will send you a copy gratis if you drop her a line mentioning that I said she should.

Perhaps more important than reading my stuff would be to read the huge Fonzi article in the Washingtonian Magazine of, I think, last November. It was the entire issue, and indeed answered many of the points you raise. It caused something of a stir.

But perhaps you'd rather be shot of the whole thing. I sure would, after all this time. Although, like you, curiosity keeps me watching the progress of this particular side of the case.

Above all, thanks for the time you gave the matter earlier this year. Give my best to Bob Crowley next time you speak.

Sincerely,

Anthony Summers