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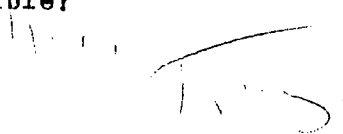
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Dear Trevor,

I talked today with the former U.S. intelligence officer who - as you know - has contacted me about David Phillips. He was U.S. 'Naval Attache' (as usual a cover post) to Cuba when Phillips was there, but not at the time of the Veciana recruitment. He knew Phillips well, and has since learned about him through intelligence colleagues. He is hesitant about talking on the phone, or in detail by mail, but says the following at this stage:

- 1) the 'Bishop'/Phillips scenario holds water.
- 2) Phillips was obliged to retire from the CIA in 1975.
- 3) He is close to Phillips' former wife, who was with him at the crucial time, and is prepared to raise the matter with her. I have asked him to hold off for the moment. She has already, in conversation, talked of her husband 'looking guilty' - I gather of being 'Bishop'.
- 4) He is close to a former intelligence officer who served in the Mexico City embassy at the time of the relevant events concerning Oswald, 'Bishop', and the attempt to fabricate evidence involving the Soviets and Cubans. The officer apparently has reason to credit what I have written.

I have agreed to stay in touch, but have asked him to do nothing for now. In my opinion, this is the best contact on the story for a very long time. Journalistically, the way to handle it is to visit the contact, along with Phillips' former wife and the Mexico officer. Could we stretch to a visit right away, in-and-out, and working as economically as possible?

  
Anthony Summers