

Dear Dave,

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Along with the increased orders for books of recent months we've had a higher percentage of the letters and phone calls include expressions of thanks and appreciation for the work I've done, virtually all from people who had not in the past been in touch with us or read any of our books. A surprising percentage of the inquiries include this. It seems to come from perception of the references to my work in the books of others. I am inclined to believe that what Harry Livingstone said in High Treason triggered more of this than any one other thing.

There has never been a time when to a lesser degree this was not true but for the past several years, beginning before Oliver Stone, such expressions have been increasing. It was particularly true when Whitewash first appeared and was in some bookstores and I was on radio talk shows.

Not thinking then that these expressions might later be of interest to political scientists or sociologists I made no separate file of them. They are scattered by the letter of the alphabet through my files. Then I did start making a separate file of some for this possible later interest, but for some time I've not because of the time required.

One of a couple of weeks ago is different and I think may interest you.

I answered the phone after I was ~~asleep~~ asleep. The caller was a woman from Michigan. All the current controversy reminded her that when it first appeared she'd bought Whitewash. She read it again, started discussing it with her friends, they borrowed it and have been passing it around, and they now discuss it every day when they get together for lunch. (From which I assume she works and these are friends and fellow workers with whom she lunches.) As of her phone call some of her friends were still waiting to read it.

Lunchtime study and discussion groups more than 25 years after the book appeared?

A bit unusual, I think, but a fair reflection of the continuing and now increased interest in the assassination and its consequences.