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Dear Gabriëlle,

Thanks for the copies of the April issue.

Trying to read the story/interview brought home to me how little of the German I studied some 65 years ago I still remember!

The only use of it that I remember was in guarding, really escorting, gefangene, if I remember the word for prisoners correctly.

Oddly, I still do remember the name of one with whom I struck up a friendship, Heinz Sal.

If Rudi still has the tapes of the interview and has no need for them I'd appreciate them to add to the archive, as part of the record relating to Oliver Stone, what he did, what it means or can mean, etc.

A friend who has a book store that also sells video cassettes told me two weeks ago that he had just gotten one of JFK. I asked him if that was not unusual, with the movie still being shown. He said not, that it is a sample, that others will cost about \$100 and will be used for rentals before they are released for sale.

If there is any reaction to the article copies of that would also be interesting for the archive. I've a great volume of domestic reactions but very few from abroad.

There seems to be great interest in the disclosure of JFK assassination records as a result of the movie. Stone's typical self-promotional excesses have frustrated the one limited good in this area that could have resulted - delaying what additional disclosures there could have been.

All the executive-agency records were already accessible under FOIA. A friend has about 80,000 <sup>FBI alone</sup> pages of those records given to the House assassinations committee. I have two full file drawers of them. The withheld records are those generated by the House, withheld under a standing rule that serves legitimate purposes. Had Stone not included all agencies in his propaganda the records of the House could have been made available for processing for disclosure by a simple House resolution that without question would have been approved months ago. But by making it all-inclusive Stone is responsible for a law being required. This means Senate and House agreement on its language and provisions and then Bush's signature. This plays into the hands of those opposed to any disclosures because there is need for some withholding, as to protect privacy, the lives of informants and some legitimate national security interests, and these can be used as an excuse to withhold what would be embarrassing to the CIA, which Bush once headed, and the FBI. No smoking gun in any event. We also enjoyed your visit. Best to you both,  
*Thanks also to your kind wishes!*