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Dear Hal,

A note only - to pass along this current issue of Enquirer. The headline, of course, caught my eye (as, surely, it was designed to do) and this is the first issue I'd ever read. In all honesty, I must say it is better journalism than I find in many daily newspapers! Sigh. — Well, anyway, thought I'd send it along to you.

The story re: Chicago Plot is
intriguing. Know anything about
it? Best regards, [REDACTED]
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Dear Phil,

Thanks for the Enquirer. Unfortunately, your comment on its comparative character is only too true.

Both stories are fakes based upon the solid. Chapman's conclusions are fiction. He is a fluffer. I have all these pictures and other work he did for me in 1967. He just cannot understand because he must impose his preconceptions. Lee Oswald, for example, was in New Orleans at the time he says he saw him in Dallas. Not one of the pictures is new or unpublished earlier.

Skolnick is more complicated, more sinister and presents considerable hazard. As you will eventually see, he stole the documents from my COUP. I had loaned those he used to a friend who was doing some investigating for me and Skolnick suckered them away from him, pretending he'd try and carry my work forward. He has done no investigating, merely adding the refuse of a mind sick with ego and eaten with an insatiable appetite for publicity and the most uninhibited imaginings, blended with poor guess and wishful, cooking up what has not a single one of the characteristics of a real law suit. He thrives on getting out of court, thus presenting the martyr pose to his increasing followers, all persuaded that government is crooked. It is, but not as he says and not more than he.

My great concern is that when, as it inevitably will be, this case is tossed out of court, there will be national headlines proclaiming "Warren Report Validated" or "No Suppression", to the detriment of truth and the defamation of all serious such litigation. I have won the first one, but there has been not a word about it. CBS was going to do it, so was the Washington Post syndicate. Perhaps it is only because the victory proves Kleindienst a self-proclaimed liar, an utterly irresponsible and twisted public official. Rather than face me in court, Justice capitulated. How much less newsworthy could this be? But let effluvia like this get started, and it gets an enormous play. The media has an unerring instinct for the spurious and plays it big to undermine what is solid and to undermine public confidence in the few of us doing any real work.

Valle is real, as is the threat. He was, in Chicago alone, and had no connection with Oswald. It was also not Oswald's car. This is the real reason JFK didn't go there then. Groth, my discovery not Skolnick's, as again you'll see if the book ever gets printed (limited, xerox edition now only), is connected with no more than a coverup of the attempt believed imminent on JFK, which is hardly unusual police conduct.

Gradually, you are getting the story of my current life.

Many thanks, best regards,