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Dear Jonn,

It is fortunate that I did not find the tape last week and that Bud and I could not get together Wednesday. He, his wife, and one child spent the day here, until too late for the charming and beautifully mannered kidd. After we had finished everything else we had time to go into, just as he was reading the last thing I had for him to scan, I did find the tape, and I did play it. I mentioned this briefly in the note I mailed by him last night, for they went past a mailbox on their way home, so I could avoid the trouble for you of duplicating the tape.

Noe it happens that he had already made arrangements to run some names through Group Research, I had given him a short list to add to those I was sure he'd think of on his own. I asked him to note every proper name as he heard the tape and add them. He agreed. There is another tape I also played, a prediction of the windup rather than the last event, and he added those, too. How long it will take I do not know. Whenever he has the results, if any, I'll send them to you. Not being Turner, I will make no use of this whatsoever, and I expect you to give him whatever shows up that might be of value to him.

I had expected to go further with this had Hal or Gary been able to return. Neither could, so I suggest it to you and/or Hal and Paul. Make a list of all the names in which you have interest and send them to the Archives to run through their JFK material. You may get nothing, but why not try? If there was any kind of Ferrie investigation at all, there should have been a mention of Broshears, for how could they ignore a roommate? As if I don't know! If you would like me to do it, I will, but I think I encounter the highest-level flak. Ask Paul if you'd like, or Hal, or send me the list and I'll do it.

Paul should have gotten the ms of CEUP by now. Perhaps you also have seen it. If so, you know there is a rather large bit on the NSRP. If it got not play in your papers, there was a bloody bout they precipitated in Berea, eastern Kentucky, with some blacks. One of each (NSRP man from Ohio named Rucker) dead, 14 arrested, including Connie Lynch. If anything appears in your papers, or if Paul's magnificent boys can check the Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati papers in their libraries and send me what there might be, I'd appreciate it. UPI has been giving the story slight but steady play on their radio wire. The Washington Post had a short piece. I cannot see the Times, which might have a better one. I think the character of the coming elections, the candidates and in particular of the Chicago convention will inspire them to more violence.

I was fascinating to me that with all the unessential detail he had on all the trivialities, Owen had absolutely nothing to say about the reason for his trip to Phoenix, yet he mentioned it three times.

When you have read the book, I'd appreciate comments, written, that is, and as soon as possible. If you can Xerox the copy for Burton, that, too, would be very helpful. Until school starts he has more time and can make helpful editing suggestions. I want now to get on other writing. I wish the financing for immediate private publication were available, for I think there are interested groups that would find special use for it and could make it a financial success. I think, for example, the blacks, who could use it to raise funds while educating their people. I am holding off on a few short additions. For example, one on Bolden, which should contrast with the NSRP stuff sharply. I am waiting to hear from his lawyer. I wrote his wife months ago and got no answer. I'll have a brief mention of the Del Velle threat/arrest, which was also Chicago. But that and a few other will await the last minute. There will be a little more on the dick-rubbing Republicans, perhaps a little more on Miami, a little on some of the men named, etc.