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Dear Jim,

Right after Jonathan and I talked yesterday Gullen's office told me that the first few copies of Case Open were there from the printer's, one was in the mail to me and when they have a supply I'll get more. So, unless you and J. are in ~~any~~ hurry, when I have some I'll send you copies.

Because you had said I should read Fonzi's book and when I asked why you said there are some things in it I should know. I'm up to Odio, a little after page 100, and it is much, much worse than I'd feared. If he had intended it as a spoof it would be pretty good. He is uninformed, ignorant, gullible, irresponsible, less than honest and if I tried I could think of more to say how bad it is. He does not even know what is well known and public, knows nothing at all about what he writes about, repeats as dependable information silly rumors and assorted mythologies, and as far as Odio in his better moments merely wastes time, <sup>his</sup> and the readers'. Not a single thing about it is good other than as self-exposure *that was not intended*

One of the points where he is less than honest that you should have spotted is that he makes no mention of the fact that Schweiker ~~is~~ had another Senator on his subcommittee and that he, Gary Hart, had nothing to do with that silly investigation once he learned what it was and refused to sign the report. Another is that he omits his writing on the assassination in his magazine in 1966. I remember a lengthy article in which he and that crazy one Salandraf decided that Connally was not hit until Zapruder 292!

That important base for munitions he says was "outside" of New Orleans was not a base, not important, and the munitions, stolen from an oil operation, were unsited for the planned uses. It was in a small white frame house on the other side of Lake Pontchartrain, the causeway across which is ~~2~~ 25 miles long (that is "outside") and then about 10 miles more. It is near Slidell, off Pontchartrain Drive I was there and have pictures and interviews. It was not CIA and the raid was not part of JFK's program. It was because those crazy Cubans brought those explosives there in the open, on a U-Haul trailer, and then in cleaning the place up almost set fire to the house. The next door neighbor toward the lake phoned the police and they phoned the FBI or he called the FBI himself. He is my source. If Fonzi were not so incompetent, so inept, he could have had his kind of fun with the incident. That house was owned by a man big in mob gambling in Cuba, Mc Laney. This is in my O in NO and is public knowledge ~~save~~ to nuts who shun knowledge.

Fonzi makes a big thing of the so-called Tramp pictures and he did this book long after the truth was known publicly. It was known earlier and ~~it~~ <sup>they</sup> obviously has no relevance. But if on the Schweiker or assassins committees the FBI had been asked, I forced an FBI investigation the summer of 1968 and when I got those records they confirmed what two investigations made for me by professionals told me, that there could not have

been any assassination connection. You should remember the use of a sketch obviously made from one of the pictures as the man wanted in the King case. That is what I used to force the FBI to look into it.

What has no credibility, like Harita Lorenz, he persists in regarding as credible despite all the things she did to prove she was incredible. Despite publication of her lack of credibility. She said what he wanted to be true no matter how impossible it was and he needed no more to con himself for her. And others, like Sturgis.

To this point he has not made even a gesture at showing any relevance. He just assumes what has none and to the rational mind cannot have relevance is relevant. His personal nuttiness and irresponsibility requires it so no matter how ridiculous it is to him it becomes real and he writes as though it is and has to be despite making not a single effort to show any relevance.

The more impossible it is from the known fact that is beyond question the more real and redible it is to him and in his writing.

He has made diligent and successful efforts not to know what was public. Like what you should remember, that 1/27 transcript I got and we published. He says it was two years later that Schweiker "discovered" it. When I gave the Post a copy they did a story of about a third of a page. But Schweiker still "discovered" it.

I am annotating it, as I have several books for Dave, so the time is not wasted. I do hope when I get into the committee parts he has something that is rational and reasonable as criticism and is what I do now know.

Guys like him must have ripped many FBI and CIA guts from hard laughing. He is a spectacle and he makes this/spectical of himself.

With no source notes and with much not being capable of being sourced because it is passably impossible.

How arrogant his stupid title, The Last Investigation! Somebody he does not name said so, so it is instant fact. Of the same silliness, he has two and only two "Government" investigations. In the executive agency sense he includes the two of the Congress, which makes three, and he ignores the largest of all, by the FBI. He never mentions that they ran an investigation. ...He does not know what "Gemstone" was in Watergate.

But,  
Herald