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Dear Hal and Paul,

Today I had a phone call from Curt Gantry, who lives in SF. He is doing a "now it can be told" book with Francis Gary Powers. I think it can be an important work. Powers is telling him unpublished things I believe should be published.

He is interested in a clipping of which he'd heard and I do not have. I referred him to both of you. It relates to Oswald in Russia, etc.

I have told him I am confident you will help him if there is any way you can. Paul may have things in the documents that are relevant to U-2 flights, such as the classification of Oswald's access to such data, etc. Hal probably has a better recollection than I of the phone call on the Joe Dolan Show 12/66, where he was listening in to the caller who told me about Oswald's security clearance.

As a writer, I remind you Mr. Gantry may prefer no mention of anything he may tell you until after appearance of the book, scheduled for Spring. Most non-writers are not aware of the harm premature use can bring.

We also discussed the belief of some (I do not share it) that Oswald was sent to the USSR to help bring a U-2 down. Anything you may have heard along this line may interest him. He can decide for himself whether he would want to credit or repeat any rumors or hunches.

I told him if he cannot easily get access to Donovan's testimony at a library possibly you might arrange to xerox it for him. I meant to caution him about my belief Thornley is often undependable, but I forgot. Thornley also edited his testimony carefully. He and Jenner had a kaffeeklatch, not a deposition-taking. Some of the changes are extensive. Gary was making a word-for-word comparison. When last I heard from him about this, it was misled.

In turn, Gary Powers' opinions of some of the rumors and speculations may interest us.

Sincerely,

Harold Kinsberg