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Mr. Hugh Aynesworth
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Dear Mr. Aynesworth,

People don't often send me copies of Dallas JFK stories but I have received those you and Golz wrote a week ago, on Hugh McDonald.

Your skepticism was more than justified. It is a fake. This is why I write.

He told the truth once - when he said (I think he made it plural) that a publisher had offered to do the book as a novel. I wish I were not under wraps on this but I've asked to be released from the confidentiality imposed and been refused.

I was a consultant on the book to a book-publisher and a publication.

As a result I have a continuing interest in this con man and this newest at best commercialization of that tragedy. I am keeping a file on it in the event it can have value at some point.

If you taped the interview or if you can let me have a copy of your notes if they include what you did not have room for I'd appreciate it.

McDonald is smooth but not crazy. You won't get another shot at him in Dallas.

Whether or not you feel you can do this, regretting that I have to ask confidentiality of you, I'll add a little to what you may know.

Herman Kimsey was a real person. He did not retire from the CIA. He was asked to leave, but he never lost his loyalty to it. He and McDonald were together in military intelligence in World War II. (This part is not confidential.) "Troit" is George DeMohrenschildt. (I find myself wondering what he'd do if he knew. I don't know his address but I've toyed with letting him know.) Len Davidove is a real person. I know him. He can be hurt and I don't want that. I haven't seen him since the book was published, perhaps because he fears the reaction of his present employers if there is any notoriety. I tipped Mo Waldron that the book is a fake, he promised to tape an elaborate press party on publication but didn't. He told me the questioning was unfriendly... So, if you can help me keep a McDonald file now or in the future I'd appreciate it. Thanks either way. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg