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Dear Mr. McGowan,

Many thanks for your recent mailing. It was very helpful. It both expanded my understanding and told me that in the relevant areas I am going in the right direction.

In reporting Edward L. Morgan's resignation in today's Washington Post Carroll Kilpatrick writes that Morgan "said he knows now he did not have authority to sign the deed turning over the President's papers to the government, but that he did not know it at the time."

This is exceptional on both ends, that of Morgan the lawyer and of the experienced people in GSA. On the face it lacks credibility.

If one wants to pursue credibility, conjecturally, then to the knowledge of GSA's people dealing with such "gifts" there is precedent for conveyance by counsel.

After President Kennedy's assassination, what is termed the "deed" and I regard as a contract was signed by Burke Marshall and by him alone.

The copy I have was not signed by any of the executors but was signed by him as their counsel.

So, there was no reason for GSA to believe Morgan lacked authority.

That Morgan would have dreamed of signing without authority I find impossible to believe.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg