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Re Popkin 1/28: perhaps while you were abroad I heard from him again. The address you gave me was either an old one or I write it down wrong, for the letter I wrote as soon as I got your mailing was returned. I sent that to Jim, who forwarded it. I heard from Popkin within the past week and I think I sent him a carbon of my response.

I have had very little experiences with psychiatrists, but that little plus what I've read plus what I've seen and heard of them doing has led me to the belief most of them go into it to be their own and save that \$\$\$. I have no fear of the Kaiser theory, for I had it long before he did, as probably many others did. I wrote the essence of it long before the trial. I have different troubles here. First of all, I'm more interested in Siamond. What Schorr did is not as innocent as P makes out, and you know my strong feelings about people who are and are the kind of people who can be literary crooks. There is a warning here, that flapping jaw. I'd recommend patience and hoping Diamond can be turned on. The jail conjecture is reasonable and the blood test is fascinating. What other tests did they make? Maybe for alcohol could be less important than others. What should they have made by their own regs? If Schorr is the guy who used the MMPI test, stay away from him. He used it so grossly wrong he can't be depended upon even professionally. If you want to pass any of this on to P, please filter. It would be good to know if S's idea of who might be behind it comes from Sirhan or another book. If from Sirhan, then I think it would be good to try and learn what he knows. Presumably Kaiser can learn it, but his knowledge is not yet broad enough, if more detailed than any other on the case... I doubt the involvement of either LBJ or Hoffa. Had Hoffa been in a position to, which I doubt, there were, by then, others higher on his list. I think it is inconsistent to say that Sirhan was both bought off and controlled.

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Note on W. W. W. under LHO-mex

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Dear Bud,

I am still waiting for the answer you want me to send to the man in Saskatchewan about the alleged Philippine connection with the assassination. But while waiting I'll send you some more news. I had lunch today with Dr. Martin Schorr who you may remember as the psychiatrist who testified at Sirhan's trial and made a tremendous mess in his testimony. I assume you have his report of December 10, 1968, after he had spent two days examining Sirhan. If you don't I'll send it to you. He gave him all sorts of psychological tests and then prepared a detailed analysis arguing that he was crazy and that he wanted to kill his father. Schorr seems to be extremely occupied with the case still and I think is anxious to redeem his reputation from the mess he made as a witness. He talks all the time, so it's hard to believe that he ever heard Sirhan say anything. He seems to be working with Robert Kaiser. Kaiser's in town today and tomorrow and I may get a chance to see him. Schorr holds Kaiser's theory and seems to have much more detailed views as to who may have been behind the whole matter. The closest I could get him to discuss this was that he seems anxious to get some link between the former President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson, and all that happened and that he thinks that Sirhan had been bought off and was controlled by somebody in jail. The hints would indicate that he thinks that somebody is Jimmy Hoffa.

One one point that we discussed in Los Angeles about where the fatal bullet was fired, he says that Sirhan was about an inch away from Kennedy at the time he fired the first shot and that then Kennedy was knocked across the room, so that the autopsy evidence is consistent with Sirhan's doing it. Another item that he told me--when Sirhan was arrested, the police took blood to make an alcohol test and instead somebody by mistake tested the blood for syphilis and then threw it away so that nobody knows if he was drunk at the time.

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Besides Mr. Schorr, there was a lady at the lunch who is the Australian girl who was on the bus with Lee Harvey Oswald on September 26th from Monterey to Mexico City. She apparently works in San Diego as an occupational therapist and is named Patricia Winston. As much as I could find out from her, says pretty much what's in the Warren Commission and doesn't seem to remember much more. She's mainly impressed that Oswald showed her his passport proving that he'd been in Russia. She says when I asked her that he didn't discuss politics or anything about what life in Russia was like. He also recommended to her that she stay in the Hotel Cuba, but this is all in her testimony. The only oddity that I could spot was that she said every time the bus stopped which was about every two hours, Oswald got out and ordered large meals and the bus was always late because he was eating his meals. The Oswald who worked in the Book Depository apparently lived on two cheese sandwiches a day. So it sounds like a strong change of eating habits in just a few weeks.

Since these people are both in town, Dr. Schorr and Miss Winston, if there's anything you'd like me to discuss with them, please let me know. Also if you have any information as to why Jim Garrison announced he is dropping the whole business, I'd appreciate hearing from you. Hope all is going well.

Best wishes,

Rich

Richard H. Popkin

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