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Dear Saul Landau,

Thanks for your letter of the 10th. I appreciate it.

I was not guessing about Castro's reaction to the JFK assassination. I had specific knowledge. It was, as you put it, "a blow" for many reasons, one of which is that Castro understood the changes that were taking place in JFK.

I am not in a rush on this book. I laid it aside in 1965 and now there is too much work in my immediate future. My interest is in having this material for use when I resume that writing.

If you are not having a showing of the uncut footage, a special one could be, as you say, a hassle.

The uncut transcript will be fine.

After the Playboy interview is out and the film is aired (both great!) I'll be happy to have access to the transcipt.

There are several reasons why I'd like your permission to retain a copy. One is that I'll not be writing this immediately and when I resume the writing what may not seem significant on reading may later have significance. Another is that I would very much like the full record to be in my files for future archival value. I have an extensive file of revanchist Cuban manufactured lies, the greatest single initial waste of FBI investigative time when JFK was killed. So, for the future, when my files are an archive for the use of others, it would be good for the transcript of this fine project to be available.

If this is agreeable, I would also like to have all the credits that should be recorded and preserved attached to the transcript. I presume you will have something of this nature. Also, I would like there to be a record of any form of credit that should be made in the future, if your people have any preference.

In my experience too much "scholarship" amounts to plagiarism. I think there should be full credit to those who do original work. In addition, a record of credits may lead syudents of the future to other work.

Again thanks. I hope this is a big success. Your timing is excellent, I think.

When you speak to Marc and Richard please tell them I'll soon have a new book out. I think it will interest them. It deals with materials I have never shown them and believe I have never discussed with either. There have been a few mechanical problems and I'm making what efforts I can for other uses.

I think it is hot but the subject is a shibboleth.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Wersberg,

Your guess about Castro's reaction to JFK's assassination is correct: it was a blow.

About seeing unedit footage and transcript: After the film airs – if it does – + Playboy publishes its version, I would be glad to let you see

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the uncut transcript.

The uncut film is a big hassle to show & I think you can trust my judgment re facial expression.

Drop me a note after the film airs & the interview is published & I'll send you a copy.

Yours,
Saul Landau