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Dear Paul,

There is almost nothing on the general subject of the assassination that doesn't interest me, and it is getting to the point where there is too much I no longer remember, too much that seems familiar when I do not know why and cannot decide whether the familiarity is real or imagined.

From time to time I specialize, and this tends to make recall in other areas more indistinct.

If it represents no great trouble or problem for you, I am interested in the "gory details".

With regard to the names, Bill Cies is unfamiliar. Medrick Johnson and John Zemarek seem familiar, as does the American Volunteer Group. Not the "Friends of Scott Committee".

Most of my earlier files I've not been able to index. Those I have indexed I have on cards. None of these names are among those carded. So, where they seem familiar, itx may be only a hslucination. If it is real, I cannot place it. Something in the dimness of recollection suggests a connection with right-wing extremists (I do not mean anything like genuine conservatism).

By the way, do you know anyone in New Orleans who can be entrusted with a delicate inquiry, one who would keep the inquiry and any response entirely to himself? I have in mind what is not by any means a certain lead but it is one that I think cannot safely be ignored. If it is a good one, it definitely presents some hazard if whoever makes any inquiry deals with any but the most dependable and circumspect sources. There is reason to believe that even if the leads is a bum steer, there can still be some danger. There is no prospect of my getting to New Orleans anytime soon, and I know nobody I'd entrust with this mission. It is as though someone with heft spoke to everyone I'd ever known well there, and I do suspect this did happen.

I am rarely away for very long, if the phone does not answer. Should you plan to be in the area again, I'd be glad to meet you, bring you here and take you back to the airport (none of the three is much over an hour in heavy traffic-Dulles and Friendship alone provide nonstop flights to Dallas) and we can and would be happy to provide simple accomodations. You could run through my cards and get an idea of who and what I have info on and, if you'd like, any of the files. If you knew in advance when this might be, I could also arrange to do things I have to in Washington, as always I do. I can sho you some things you cannot see in the Archives. I think, with your background, they will be meaningful. Or, I can settle some questions for you beyond dispute. You should be aware that this will also tell you things of former associates, not the most recent employer.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold –

Thanks for your letter and the advice is well taken – Sorry I failed to reach you while in Washington – I called several times without success – I haven't heard too much about our mutual interest but the West Coast is working on an angle that involves Bill Lies, Medrick Johnson, John Zemarek and the American Volunteer Group and the Friends of Scott Committee. Do any of these people ring a bell with you and are you interested in the gory details?

Best wishes

Paul