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Dear Bruce Kurek,

Your letter postmarked the 19th came yesterday, as I recall. I'm much limited in what I can do by the lingering phlebitis.

The checking on Rubenstein is impressive, but where does it get or leave us?

Unlike most others I've had experience in the Congress, in investigation and in preparing evidence. At best this is peripheral. It still gives no meaning to anything except some of the less important FBI deceptions and withholdings.

While I am all for all leads being checked out, I have my own scale of priorities and values. I also have my own Member and staff pipelnines into the Church committee. Staff And others. All the readings I get to now indicate headline seeking, not excessively, and no substantial work. The chasing of the least likely and the least significant leads, often bad ones. I hear from some of those interviewed, before and after.

None of us makes peefect or completely dependable analyses. Mine is that on all aspects of its assignment this committee will fall far short. It began by going for the Ford/executive-branch diversionary bait. It has done very little about domestic intelligence, its main function. I've been aroudd long enough to get and interpret readings. I know things I have to keep in confidence. So, unless you will be satisfied with still another essentially meaningless thing, be prepared to be disappointed. This change. I'm doing my part in the effort. I'm not predicting success.

What you, coming from Sprague/Garrison, attribute to the so-called tramp pictures still has no meaning. Why should a copy not have a hearing aid, a communications system whether or not identical to others, even a radio to keep up with news developments. What purpose could or did this all serve two hours after the assassination?

I suspect the sophistication of the counter-operations is lost upon you. Nothing personal. Merely that there is no reason I have for you to know how government works. The executive agencies are in a bad position. They have and use enormous means and to this minute have blunted or foiled everything alleged, none of which is in any way basic. As of now I have no reason to believe that they intend to get the the basic and it is not from lack of knowledge of it. All the trivia is playing into their hands, even when as is rarely the case it is accurate. It meanwhile is giving the major media time to put new whitewashes together. I am making what efforts I can. Some of these people have known me for 20 years. When I had to go to the doctor one high up drove me. When I had to go to the hospital another high up came all the way out here to take me there just to be able to talk to me. He got up early to do it and had me cancel my other arrangements. I had a private room so they could confer in private. This enable the estabioshing of something much more significant on the FBI by one with whom I worked. They have two months in which to make basic decisions not yet made. In all the tine they've had I know of nothing significant any committee has added to what I've had or had appeared. They did lay a couple of eggs, blunting or ruining what could have had meaning.

I take this time before Xmas breakfast in appreciation of your efforts and sincerity and out of thanks for what you've sent, that I will read.

Nobody will be any happier if any of these operations comes to an important end. However, there remains the higher prospect of disillusionment. One of the ways in which these committeess were helped in av oiding doing what they should have done was by the innundation of the peripherla on which they spent all their time and thus also had an excuse for statistics like in the Report, all the manhours, all the leads checked, etc.

Best regards and thanks,