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Dear Johann,

Your delayed 11/30 catches me at a bad time. I'm tired and overlby busy in an FOIA matter.

If there is anything new I've not heard of it so I presume nothing is new.

I'm not close to publishing a new book but if and when I do you'll get a notice of it.

Those fascinating old new stories you have do not interest me personally but I know two college professors who would like very much to have copies.

I think both of your postulates about that period are correct. To begin with the kings lusted for what the other kings had and after the war the great effort was to subdue the masses.

But I do not believe that it was begun to hold the masses down.

Have a good holiday, and thanks,

Harold

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Dear Harold:

It must be the time of year. I was thinking about you the other day and I wondered how you are doing. Do you have any new books out? What project are you working on now?

Seems like all the Kennedy research has reached a low ebb. I haven't heard from any of the other researchers for nearly two years. Nothing about Kennedy in the newspapers this anniversary. Nothing on the networks except a little flurry about Marilyn Monroe. What a joke that project is. Somewhat out of date I think.

I thought Larry Flynt was going to get something going with his "Rebel" magazine, but it seems that no one in this country noticed it much. What a strange group that was that tried to take over his organization.

Another thing I wanted to ask you about. A few weeks ago a long-established family here in town had an estate sale at an old mansion. The articles were mostly furniture, but while in the attic I discovered a box filled with old local newspapers from the WWI era. They have headlines like: "COUNT STEPHEN TISZA ASSASSINATED IN BUDAPEST" (Nov. 2, 1918); "GERMANY IN THROES OF REVOLT", "RED FLAG FLIES OVER BERLIN" (Nov. 8, 1918); "GUARDS ALONG DUTCH FRONTIER REVOLT", "KING OF SAXONY DETHRONED" (Nov. 9, 1981); "EMPEROR KARL OF AUSTRIA ABDICATES" (Nov. 12, 1918); "HOLLAND'S THRONE NOW IMPERILLED BY BOLSHEVIKI", "EXTREMISTS DEMAND QUEEN'S ABDICATION" (Nov. 16, 1918).

After going through many of these newspapers from 1915 to 1919, because of the simplicity and straight-forwardness of the articles, I got the impression that all the countries of Europe were ruled by callous and greedy Kings, Queens, and Emperors, and that the war was not so much a struggle among them for power as it was a struggle by them to subdue the revolting masses of workers. I thought you might know something about this. Was WWI a war among wealthy kings struggling for more power (as my school teachers told me), or was it a war waged by the aristocracy to try to stop the revolutionary movement (as I now suspect)?

I don't know if you save clippings going back that far or not, but I'll send you copies of some of them if you wish.

Sincerely,

Johann Rush