7/23/69

Dear Ralph,

Your notes of the 18th and 21st both arrived today.

On the lawyers: Bud Fensterwald has finally agreed to take a limited case under the Freedom of Information Act because of something new I have developed that should be pretty good in court. I have prepared the initial papers for him and will deliver them to him tomorrow. Until we see how this goes, for the moment I think it best to hold off on the others. Bud, remember, was general counsel of the Senate committee that produced the law. Any judge will recognize him as an expert on Congressional intent, unless he is hopelessly corrupted at the outset. There can be a great advantage in a more limited action than I had in mind to begin with. We can discuss this when you are here. Meanwhile, I'll hold onto the names.

The first half of August is fine. I have plenty to keep me going. I've done about 60,000 words of the addition to COUP D'ETAT. Without having read any of it, in my mind I feel I have established an overwhelming case to acquit the still-living and "confessed" assassin and to establish a conspiracy. The addition will be quite long, too long (but the job of an initial adequate documenting must be done and no one else is doing it). The original book is about 125,000 words without appendix. And I'm far from done.

Thanks for the clipping. I had lost a similar one I had. Probably misfiled it. While on the face of it that is hard to believe, I have always intended pursuing it further when possible.

Have a good trip, and thanks.

Sincerely,

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New York, N.Y. 10012.
18 July 1969

Dear Harold,

I am most sorry to be so late replying to your kind letter of July 5. For the past two weekends we have had in mind to come to see you and each time something came up in New York to prevent my coming. The problem has been to get a block of two to three days free. Now, unfortunately, I must go out of the country for two weeks which further delays a visit. Do not construe this in any way to indicate flagging interest or lack on our part of eagerness to come to Frederick. On the contrary, we have looked forward to it and I am particularly stirred by your intimations of new evidence.

I told John on the telephone that we should definitely be coming soon after our return. Let us try for the first half of August. I shall give you advance notice. Again both my special regrets and thanks.

Warmest regards,
Ralph

P.S. Did you receive the news clipping I sent you from Vancouver? It concerned Oswald in the C.I.A.

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July 21, 1969

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Dear Harold ~~Weisberg~~:

Here are some lawyers who may be possible and, at any rate, can be considered.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ralph

Ralph Schoenman

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(also - Alicia would know -- he went to Washington to establish a chapter and would have a list of contacts.)

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