Dec. 17, 1969

Dear Harold,

Thanks for keeping me up to date on what is happening. I am still struggling at arranging my schedule so that I can get back into the groove on assassination work. As soon as the one psychologist got out of court, another took her vacation, so I am still working hard, but I am off tomorrow and Friday, and every Friday from now on, plus two days at Christmas. I am working for Y.E.S. (Youth Emergency Service) one night a week. It is a telephone referral service to help kids in trouble, on bad trips, etc. I will be at a free clinic for poor people two nights a month that we are donating our professional skills to free of charge along with a group of pediatricians who have started a free medical clinic.

I think that I follow the stuff clipped to your letter of 12/12 on the Archives failure at getting that photo. The irony of doing any lying is that it is hard to remember exactly what lies were told, or what the "official" version is, so that later blunders are notsurprising. I don't know of any Durovik method but will listen to that tape this weekend and let you know what I think.

On the question of missing autopsy notes I see Paul's point but am open-minded about the possibility. I am in between the two of your--not having formed an opinion. I would be surprised, if they ever did exist, if they still do, or if we could prove it. They must have made notes of some sort other than the draft notes, especially given that the report wasn't written until the 24th.

Thanks for helping keep Kerry going on the Kara-pat thing. On the Z film I want to see more stuff but am open to splices despite the fact that they seem unlikely on the face of it.

Glad to see that you apparently heard from Betzner or someone in Kansas City and that the deal is proceeding. I will foot the bill for your photos as well as mine although it will probably turn out that those photos are not worth it, since we can't afford to neglect any of the photo evidence since it is so tangible if it has anything in it.

I have no files on anyone on your list of 12/5. Thanks for the Mader thing, but I had already sent for it, and the only reason I hadn't sent it to you was that I hadn't written yet. Your work with Wadd may one day pay big dividends for everyone involved, especially given Curry's recent publicity which will make him a bit freer. Likewise with Ball. This is the front-lines work, always behind the scenes, which must be done and which I suspect you are the only one doing. This is the hard stuff that research is made of and which the Liftons and Newcombs rarely even dream of. What can I say but that I think it is very valuble and essential and I am glad that you are up to doing it.

I haven't heard from Henry and have not caught him home, but should in the next few days when I will have more time to pursue it.

I'll answer the Longbottom letter as soon as I can.

If Bringuier comes out with a book I should learn of it from Hargis, since I am on their mailing list.

I will write again soon as soon as I get a few things out of the way. I have been classified 1-A in the draft and the eye does not given an automatic medical exemption, so I am now appealing and hoping that it was a mistake. It has happened once before. Cross your fingers anyway.

I eagerly await Coup's addition and will go over it as soon as I get it.

Best wishes to you and Lil. Please convey my regards and hope for a speedy and uncomplicated recovery to her.

Gary

P.S. Use my home address from now on - I get things quicker - except for packages.
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