Gary (ccPaul) 8/16/69

Masterman "Case For"; Itek Analysis 11/27/69 HW

People were supposed to come here this evening do, after supper, pending their arrival, I read the Masterman opus and the Itek analysis. In my opinion Masterman is nothingness and I would analyze the work in a way to urge you to greatest caution in using anything that is his or his opinion (as distinguished from what independent material he might locate). His ignorance is brilliant, considering what he says he has read. He is a sycophant and a seeker of status, in return for nothing but shallow rephrasings. Itek is fantastic. Nothing I have seen indicates anyone has understood this.

Briefly, for I do not want to take the time for a complete analysis (I have marks onthe copy sent me so I can pick this up again), much of what they say that angered people like Ray Marcus does not anger or disappoint me because I had reached similar conclusions earlier and had communicated them to Ray in the early fall of 1966. And they lie, evasively, which I like less than openly, but this no longer angers me. Rather, I find the lying important because it flags the vital. Thei lying is important to me because it confirms what I have already published, at this point of no special moment.

But, where they do not lie is where I find excited interest. If you have read this without understanding they have destroyed the entire Warren Report you have not understood it.

I have the text of no other Itek analysis. I want to read them all carefully before making any further comment or any more specific comment and I also want to restrain any use of what I have found for a special occasions I can anticipate. I presume you both have this one. If not, either can borrow. If either of you has other(s), I'd appreciate. No rush and not from both!

It is too late to resume work on COUP add, so now I'll see if I can go over Crawford memo before bedtime. Bud returned it. I presume for this reason he has also returned to you what you loaned me and I loaned him with that, for him to copy. Separately I returned everything else except the Monroe book.

Progress report: I've read and corrected about 10% COUP add.