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Dear Dick,

Thanks for your letters and their enclosures. I have finally gotten down to serious preelim study and am now frightened enough to be compulsive about it. Prelims here are quite difficult and involve an unbelieveable amount of study--something I have not left myself enough time to due. Enclosed is a clipping on Dempsy, a Mondale letter, and my last letter to Harold.

Your letters to Harold of Aug. 6 and to Don Olson of Aug. 7 are good ones--many thanks for copies One thing to bear in mind on the King assassination (see my memo to Harold for Coup D'Etat--I'm sure I sent you one) is that there is some eyewitness testimony suggesting shots from the bushes and that shouldn't be overlooked. The Roffman letter is, of course, of serious interest also. Harold's letter to me and you which raises the seemingly simple point that the bullet probably went over JFK's shirt in the front is an important one and one which I have neglected all but completely--an certainly completely in my theorizing. What surprises me is that Harold pointed it out to me rather than the reverse, since someone with his incredible in depth knowledge of such a complex subject more often missed the seemingly "obvious" points, (It pains me to use that word given that it means that I missed an "obvious" point.) and not infrequently ends up getting such insight from people not as wellversed--i.e. us. If there were time, and place, I would very much like to get together with you and Harold and conduct a lengthy seminar on the medical stuff, since much of my stuff and ideas is not in memos. With pressures of school work as they are I tend to not like memos because they take time to write up, but without memos it is easy to not take the time required to analyse what you and Harold send or ask.

In regard to interviewing Dempsy I suggest that you prepare carefully for it in terms of background material on names, etc. All of those guerilla leaders can be time wasters from what I have seen, and all, of course, have a fair amount to hide no matter how you look at it. I bring this up because another researcher has been interviewing guys like Dempsy recently, but doing it gently, and just getting a lot of tripe which is really excessive. [He asked for confidentiality so I can't be more specific, although I think that confidentiality is of no purpose in this instance, and the buff involved is known to both of us.]

Well, I'd better get back to work. Best wishes.

cc: Harold.