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Dear Paul

Thanks for the copies of several chapters of Tony Summers' Honeytrap and the few pages from An Affair of State, the latter making only casual reference to the allegations that JFK was involved in the Profumo sex scandal.

We both know that JFK did womanize before he was elected President and I have the picture of you and Joan Hitchcock I took when I was her houseguest and got her account of their relationship.

Summers' writing is conclusory, conjectural, sometimes imaginary and quite false, even impossible. An example of the latter is his repetition of the impossibility that he slept with Mariella Novotny, who ran around with him before the 1960 election. On page 68 Summers has an FBI report specifying that Novotny did not reach the U.S. until after that election and on page 203 he reports the FBI's statement that she did not reach the U.S. until December 14, about six weeks after that election. Her being with JFK then is thus, to Summers' knowledge, impossible. Despite this he goes through the entire fabrication, one I suspect began with Michael Eddowes. Eddowes told me that Novotny was dispatched by the KGB to get into JFK's bed, which I'm sure never happened, and thus to do the KGB's dirty work.

There is a similar flaw in Summers' account of Suzy Chang and JFK. He says that she rode JFK's campaign train to have sex with the people on it. However, JFK did not have a campaign train. He used planes, mostly the family's Caroline.

Similarly, Summers says Novotny slept with JFK in New York City in January 1961 when in fact JFK was very publicly in Washington, at his Georgetwon House. You may remember that the TV cameras were parked outside of it in heavy snow and cold, photographing the procession of those he was interviewing for jobs in his administration.

This kind of thing is unfortunately characteristic of Summers' writings and, in fact, of his TV work. Lil and I recall very clearly that when he was here to make the TV thing of the JFK assassination the rest of his crew visited us while he was in Texas. They were quite open in saying that he was wild and that it would be helpful if they could bring him her for me to try and restrain some of the fancies that were reported later as fact. One of this crew, incidentally, was then living with Mark Lane's first wife, the Danish woman, and supporting her and Mark's two children.

Summers never did come here, not even when he was working on Conspiracy. He phoned once, asked for permission to use, with credit, something from Oswald In New Orleans, I said sure, he used it without credit, as his own work, which I don't really mind (The Bolton Ford thing) and I then invited him here. Despite this he later wrote a Swedish schoolteacher that I had refused to see or help him. Odd fellow. And despite this, I've agreed to help him on his book on J. Edgar Hoover. Not that I do not believe he'll improve on truth and fact in it, too.

As you ought know from FBI records you've seen, the kinds of errors I mention above are systematically misused by the FBI to convince others that all of books and articles are false, not just the errors it cites. So, while they reach many people, they also mislead and misinform many people and are used internally in the government to deprecate all books.

Thanks and best wishes,

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