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Dear Tony,

Yes, a few days ago I had a phone call from Michael Caplan at Sterling Lord's. He told me only that Mr. Lord is interested and will phone me probably next week when he returns to this country from Europe.

I have a bit more on what I regard as the con artists who've gotten a chunk of money from British Channel 4. It is a con job, although I have no doubt they will produce what they describe.

Since then I've heard that PBS's Nova is working on something. In the recent past they were interviewing one of the Dallas doctors and indicated their major interest is in Lifton's scam of the empty casket.

It is a scam and on this I'd rather not have you tell Paul, who is still ~~is~~ hooked on the totally untenable Lifton theory. More on this if you are interested. It is, in fact, a mystery to me how a man of Baul's fine mind and training could be so uncritical, at least in his thinking.

Needless to say, neither Nova nor the others has asked for access to any of my records. Or books.

Athan Theoharis' Hoover bio is out. I happened to hear him on the Washington all-news radio station, taped, the other morning when I was returning home. He had a collaborator and Temple also published this one.

I do think it is a good idea for you to get word to Channel 4 through your BBC friends and I am quite willing to go into anything with anyone Channel 4 might want me to talk to.

There will not be any appearance of censorship. The question is of fact.

and what Channel 4 might feel after they air and have to stand behind the product for which they appear to be the major financial support.

From the skimpy bit I've seen they might also expect to be sued by Howard Hunt among others.

Best to you all,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of June 18. I at once discussed it with Jim Lesar, and he said he would talk with you anyway on the phone in the next few days. I have also taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Paul Hoch, who is I think best informed on just who in television is trying to do what for the anniversary.

I am afraid I don't know anyone in Channel 4, but I could make it my business, through BBC contacts, to speak to someone senior. I certainly agree the anniversary should not be squandered. Nor, unfortunately, must we risk appearing to be censors. With Jim, I'll do what I can.

Meanwhile, I do not know whether you have yet heard from Sterling Lord about the King proposal. He has told me that at first he doubted whether he could make a sale, but that recently he found an author - rather than an assistant - who might work as your partner. Sterling said he was going to write to you, or call, to take this further. Let me know if more time passes, and you hear nothing. I hope something works out.

Best to you both,

