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Dear Paul,

In today's mail I received a copy of the Alvarez article in the American Journal of Physics for last September.

Memory is always fragile and I do not pretend that mine has grown sharper with the years.

It is my recollection that when you objected to my criticisms of your melody and we corresponded about this you protested that you were completely independent and that this adventure had nothing at all to do with Alvarez.

This is not what he says.

He says much and he does not say much that he should say, that is normal in a scientist's representations.

He says what is falsehood, what is obviously unfactual, not only what is propaganda.

It is my recollection that when I informed you of his association with Code-Name Jason you regarded that as irrelevant.

Is it also irrelevant that in this adventure he was supported by the government, by an agency which must be as far as even Agriculture can be from proper involvement in the JFK assassination, ERDA?

If his support was from ERDA, not from ABC, do you regard it as proper, too, that it subsidizes work in cont radiction to mine when I have it in court?

I do assume that as a physicist, if by no other means, you were aware of his article over the nine months since it appeared. I know you know that ERDA is a defendant in my C.A. 75-226. I know also that you have not informed Jim or me of its political adventurism on this subject, whether before or after it became a defendant in that cause. Do you also regard that as irrelevant?

This whole matter is pretty disgusting to me. As I said then I say now, there is and there was nothing scientific about it. I warned you then of the misuse that would be made of it. On becoming aware of this ~~mis~~ misuse it would appear that you lacked the fortitude to let others know.

Jason/Alvarez/ERDA support says nothing about (among many relevancies) where you and Olson aimed. The official fiction is at the back of the head. The actuality is at the top. Lacking a doctorate in physics I would prize your physicist's opinion that it makes no difference whether it was at the back or the top, that all your physicist's training assured you of this.

I would also welcome your telling me that Alvarez is a liar. Otherwise I would have reason to believe that you never levelled with me or I suppose with anyone else.

Sincerely,

JL: Given the separate set of ethics, morals and legalities with which lawyers have to live I cannot state that for ERDA to withhold this was wrong. I do say I believe it was. But I do think that it is not irrelevant that ERDA supports the phoney/pseudo-scientist partisan who begins with ripping off my work and ends up assaulting it it apparently with ERDA's bestowing of tax money. If you want me to amend my FOIA/PA request of ERDA please let me know.