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Dear Harold,

Our anthology on assassinations is scheduled to come off the presses in mid-January. Although the official publication date is March 1, the book should be on sale in bookstores in February. We are disappointed that Random House was unable to produce the book sooner—particularly since they told us at one stage that they hoped to have books in October! The manuscript has been effectively out of our hands since last summer, so it has also been regrettable that, despite delays, we have not had an opportunity to update the book, except for a few footnotes where space permitted.

One large factor in the delay was the concern of the Random House legal department that certain statements as originally published might be libelous if false. We were therefore obliged to document many claims, and in a few cases bracketed editorial changes were introduced at the insistence of the lawyers.

The book will be entitled *The Assassinations—Dallas and Beyond: A Guide to Cover-Ups and Investigations*. A cloth edition will sell for \$15 and a quality paperback for \$5.95. We hoped for lower prices, but had no control over the publisher's decision, which was determined mainly by the book's size (576 pages, including index). You will receive one copy with our compliments. Let us know if you wish to order further copies at the authors' discount of 40 percent.

We have operated on a very tight budget, and our principal concern has been to pay each contributor a fee roughly equivalent to the average sum required in the cases where copyrights were commercially controlled. The enclosed payment represents your share of the rather modest budget—not our estimation of the value of your work.

We hope the book will make its own contribution to the public demand for full disclosure in all the cases that we cover. We would welcome your suggestions of sympathetic reviewers or persons who might be expected to comment favorably on the book.

Yours sincerely,

Paul
for the editors

I hope that you will find the book helpful.
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Regards,
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"Midnight" 1/26/76

12/29/75

Dear Paul,

This acknowledges receipt of your form letter of 12/20 and enclosures.

Herewith the copy of Post Mortem you ordered, for which your check was enclosed.

I regret seeing nothing in the table of contents that persuades me other than I wrote your publisher.

Some of it dismays me. As using my good friend Chastain instead of the readily available court papers/records. Jim's are the most literate briefs you will ever read.

I hope reading your contributions will relieve this.

But the table of contents is in itself depressing. It represents judgement quite inferior to what, despite our disagreements, I would have expected of you. It also includes some miserable stuff as well as the dishonest.

How you could compile such an anthology without including the 1/22 and 1/27 transcripts other than from Jim's fine essay escapes me. But so does the basic philosophy of the work, if any. And the inclusion of known inaccuracies does, too. Or the omissions in the description of Jim. And so much! I'm really sorry about these things. I do not consider that it balances an anthology to include garbage. I'd like to believe that you alone would have done better.

To update you, Jim has agreed to a 30-day extension for the Government in responding to our brief in the court of appeals in the spectro/NAA suit in return for its agreement not to oppose our motion to expedite oral arguments. We have filed for the still withheld executive session transcripts, C.A. 75-1448. And withheld King/Ray evidence, C.A. 75-1996. We will be filing other actions, how many being limited by our complete lack of any kind of help or support, including financing.

Also limited by a lingering, atypical case of pharyngitis recognized 10 weeks ago, which reduces my capabilities and the length of my working day. But not enough not to reach that psycho Belin. After our confrontation and his completion of Post Mortem he came out, if self-servingly, for a Congressional investigation. I think with those less psycho I can do the same if you can arrange any debates/confrontations. I now have a lecture bureau and can travel, but it is not easy or comfortable. I couldn't wear shoes for several days beginning the night of my Belin debate (at Vanderbilt). You will find in the part or parts of Post Mortem you have not read what gives them little choice-if they agree to a debate. Your papers may not have carried it but there was extensive coverage of my press conference announcing PM, prompted by the clear press intent not to report the contents, at which I gave it a formula it could report, a challenge to those I accused of perjury and its subordination to get before any Congressional committee with both of us subject to the penalties of perjury. So far no takers. I prepared a speech for Belin three days after this challenged in which I documented such a case against him.

Sincerely,