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Dear Dick,

Before retiring last night I read Howard's excellent interview with Fillinger. He really did a very good job. But the parts that interest him have little interest for me. They tell me only what I know, as they will you. Perhaps there is a point here or there that I did not that now are smothered by something else, of which I write. I wrote Howard in haste, telling him I'd use none of this material. The fact is none of it is now of use to me even if I wanted to use it. I am past that point in my own work.

However, it is clear to me that this man a) has the right suspicion that in some cases have to be more than mere suspicions; b) knows Finck very well (alternative one of the other two); and c) that one has autopsy materials in his possession or available to him (again, tendin' to finger Finck.

Further, he seems to be decent and concerned, with either the belief that nothing can happen or that he doesn't want to get mixed up in it if it does. He also lacks some of the basic information that I have.

I've asked Howard to try and set up an appointment with him for me, telling him my purpose is not for publication. I just want to talk to him on a confidential basis, tell him what I know and let him feed back, based on a) his specific knowledge and b) his training and experience.

I am telling you and no one else this because he may want this to be entirely confidential, and that I will respect. But I have one other purpose in mind of which I will tell him, if he agrees to see me. He could be invaluable in the suit(s) I plan. He could indicate to me the areas of probing and, if so disposed, could be an invaluable witness to buttress Wacht. Further, he could be of enormous help in enabling me to have what it may take to turn the right people on, and this may be the most important single part of it.

When you have read this interview, please share your thoughts with me along these lines, not the technical material, which should be all Howard's anyway. He can use a few suggestions, as I have already indicated, for there is minor error (as comparing the jacketing of the ARLS-16 with that of the 6/5 and the confusion between military rifles and loads, etc.

Today I see a man who might help cut a path in the same direction, but his life is career complicated and oriented.

Best,