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Dear Charles,

This letter is prompted by the early-morning news report that Bremer, your current most-famous guest, has resumed reading the book R. ... last night.

Although I presume your people have only custodial interest in Bremer, I nonetheless make an offer that can or cannot be relayed, as someone there sees fit. I have no desire to intrude myself into this case, none to write about it what I haven't already. What I will offer, if accepted, can not hurt the prosecutions, which have, obviously, airtight cases, and can perhaps, help resolve the kinds of doubts that will linger in this case if only because his money can't be explained. It may be of value to the defense, for the court-appointed lawyer can't possibly know or learn, even if he reads the book, the kinds of things that could be involved in Bremer's interest in it.

I am familiar with that and other books similar in ways that can't be clear to either side in the case. In fact, I'll be glad to lend those I haven't already loaned out to either or both sides, if either has interest.

No, if Bremer's lawyer and whoever else would have to approve agree, and if Bremer wants to talk to someone familiar with all the political assassinations, I'd be willing to take the time. My conditions would be simple and few.

First, that unless he wants otherwise or Bremer would be uneasy or desire otherwise, his lawyer be present. Next, that it be taped, unless Bremer opposes. Next that the tape be restricted to the defense unless the defense lawyer decides otherwise. (This means some of Grace's initials, which I do not doubt are equal to picking the conversations up.) I would have some few preferences, and of these most important would be the presence or the listening to the tapes of a psychiatrist or psychologist or both whose experience include hypnosis and what is related.

I'd be willing to discuss the book and what is involved that is not in the book with either the prosecutor or the defense counsel. I think the interests of justice are served by both sides understanding what can be involved here, whether or not it is, and I sure would like one of the assassinations to be cleared up with no reasonable lingering doubts. Nitty ones can't be avoided, but reasonable ones can at least be addressed. This means things that the prosecution may not have to address in court.

I have no doubt that Bremer is mentally ill. From the first minute I suspected he would be reading some such book. I can refer you to the reporter friend closer to Milwaukee than I whose paper had a man at the scene who I asked have that man check the public library to see what books Bremer had out. The one I thought most likely was wrong, but the immediate belief that he has an assassination book was correct. The second book, for your understanding, makes Birhan some kind of hero, as I understand it. I haven't read it.

Kaiser's theory is more reasonable and has a better basis in established possibility than is understood. He was too timid, didn't carry it far enough. This was even more true of the criminalist/shrink, Diamond, who was more imaginative than most. The question of conspiracy, as of hypnosis, is going to linger in this case, regardless of the decision, which would seem to be obvious.

I don't know how to approach the defense lawyer, although I suppose I could find him through the phone book. But I wouldn't if there were any objection from your people. So, if they have no objection, would you forward this to him or ask someone to give it to him when he visits his client? He can then ask you anything he wants about me.

You forgot the last of the "inuteman stuff" when you were here.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg