

But our letters crossed! (oh dear!)
Luckily I had stalled this one, waiting
on enclosure to be copied so now I'll
go ahead and send, although your
latest changes the picture somewhat on
Brinquier, etc. Am so sorry to hear
of your bursitis attack. I know how
painful that can be. Hope it passes soon.
Take care of yourself. Am enclosing
new envelope; please write again when
you have time, after you've heard the
tape out, all. But I shall try later
to send you copy of my letter to
Justice Dept. (which is the necessary
first step, I was told, in the (over)

procedure for a private citizen
requesting a Congressional
investigation).

When I write you again in
my next letter (after I have your
evaluation of my tape), I am talking
to my crew about re-assembling
for other such interviews, including
General Salpe. You'll value your
comments and/or criticism, suggestions,
etc. Look forward to your letter.

Jim

12/16/70

Dear Jim,

Although there is doubt that this can reach you before you leave, I make the effort. This letter will have to be brief because today's mail is heavy (and this is the first I answer, even before one from A.G. Mitchell that will interest you), so that I can be sure to get it in the outgoing mail when I leave to pick my wife up in about an hour. Most of what is in your interesting letter of the 7th will have to await your coming here. And, I can do only a little typing without jarring the shoulder, which is improving only slowly.

The Bringuier tape has not yet arrived.

The 20th is a busy day for us. Several friends from out of town will be here until that night. They are coming the day before and I'll be away until late that night. Anytime beginning 21 is fine.

Andrews is a liar. That doesn't mean he never tells the truth. The problem is knowing when. He has told me much, and I have this problem with it. However, some is subject to independent confirmation. In some case, I have that. For example, there is confirmation of a gay using the name Clay Bertrand, and not from Russo.

I have heard of this Marina-Ruth relationship before, as did Garrison, who believed it. There are indications Marina is over-sexed. There are also reports of her relations with other men. But I see no relevance in them and have never gone into this kind of thing, which is personal. I think either the sexual or emotional or both may have been the case. Both women apparently needed something else.

My interests relating to the OEO-N.O. thing are not directly related to assassination inquiry and I may not be able to go further with them. Do not take a lot of time of it. I do think they relate to a direction in which the government will attempt to direct the country and that it is bad, will mean much trouble and harshest violence (on all sides).

Regis Kennedy had to be a good source. He has knowledge few others have. In N.O., I'd say he, deBrueys and Wall had most information. Wall seems to have been the Ferrie expert (though I am confident both K and deB knew him well), deB the LHO expert.

I got the envelope from Houston promptly. There was nothing confidential in it, merely copies of some court papers.

The name Daniel F. Sullivan sounds familiar but I do not place it. Garrison attributed an importance to the Declar. Fords I do not. Ditto for DeMohrenschildt.

Interest JFK attitude by B and B. I never had any doubt both hated him and try to hide it still.

Book coming out some time next year. Don't know when and once I finish these things I like to get them out of my mind to accomodate other things. Your letter was mailed on the 10th, but it didn't get here until today, by the way, I am sure because the mails are clogged. And I'll read the enclosures as soon as I have to stop typing. Thanks for them.

Please excuse haste,

Sincerely,

December 7, 1970

Dear Hal,

I just got in last night ~~and~~ tired from a fast weekend trip to Houston, where I collected the remainder of my files and had the Brincruier tape sent to you. I personally wrapped and addressed it to avoid any foul-up. However, it was a Sunday (post offices closed), I was in a hurry, and the office was going to close for a few days, and I'm afraid they just guessed at the postage. If there was not enough and you had to pay "postage due", let me know!

As of now, there is a good chance I can get up to Washington on or about the 20th, which is a Sunday. This is pretty definite, but I hate to say, knowing how uncertain such matters can be, and from previous bad experience, that it could fall through at the last minute. The main question is-- will you be available around that time? If so, we could get together then as we talked about, and I will drive up as per your directions. And, much better than before, for this time we can talk without limitations on time, the better for both of us, specifically, for you to brief me on the matters you mentioned on the phone, for me to clear up my current bewilderment and to tell you all about new developments toward Congressional investigation. I outlined the basics, I believe, in my previous letter, and if you have seen Fensterwald and them lately you may know more than I do about it. I have the Washington Post article in hand re the firing of those CFC lawyers, and I gave them a photocopy of it.

I asked you to wait until you heard from me ~~or that~~ before writing me back; now I am anxious to hear from you regarding the tape and the matters in my previous letter. Also a few other peripheral matters I will include here. Something I overlooked among the stuff Butler sent I didn't think even worth mentioning; ~~and~~ although it may be minor, it does betray some of Butler's anti-Kennedy bias (which I know he has). When his magazine folded, he managed to paste together his loyal crew and put together an "underground" newspaper called AWARE. This is from the June 1970 issue. As far as I know, Treen and Butler do not know each other, at least not very well. Butler is (like Ronny) a close friend of Hale Boggs. Boggs gave Butler the pushes he needed at exactly the right time-- reprints in the Congressional Record, etc., and use of his name and prestige (like Dr. Ochsner, a registered Democrat, who is vaguely in Treen's corner, at least privately) and who *are both* ~~is~~ on the record albums INCA distributes of Oswald and Butler.

Incidentally, I promised to make you a copy of those, and I haven't forgotten but I just don't have any spare tapes now. If I can remember, I'll bring my record player up with me and if we hear anything then we can record it. In looking through my personal files in Houston, it appears that I or my mother threw out most of the stuff I'd saved from the Green-Goldwater 1964 campaign, in which I was a staffer. I still have all the lists, though, and after we talk and I get a better idea of what you're driving at I can re-establish old contacts, and maybe find out whatever you need.

Incidentally, I didn't ask you this before because it never occurred to me otherwise but I assume that this is directly related somehow to the assassination, (which is presently my sole interest outside making a living and education), isn't it?

My father was and is a lawyer, now in Houston, but during the time of the Garrison probe, officed in the National Bank of Commerce Building, right next to Aaron Kohn's office and the law offices of Bryan and Callaway. (John Bryan told him that Dean Andrews is a compulsive liar "you can't believe anything he says on either side". If he had tried, he could've gotten much more valuable information on Andrews, but this was just elevator small talk.) At that time, he was Conservation Coordinator; he is now Director of Conservation, for Continental Oil Company, and kindly lets me use his good offices on occasion. We are friends, but unfortunately have always been distant. His vast abilities (the existence of which he denies, let alone their depth) remain, like Ronny's knowledge, a totally untapped uranium deposit, and the more the pity, because he has knowledgeable contacts. But he refuses to use them in seeking the truth about the assassinations, and demeans all efforts to do so, although he has been personally helpful to me in my own endeavors. Exactly three years ago when he and I and my mother attended a lecture at Tulane by Mark Lane (the one which Brincquier broke up by jumping onstage), on the way home in the car, he told me he had had lunch recently with a former F.B.I. agent who told him that Mrs. Paine replaced Oswald in Marina's affections. This, the agent said, was the F.B.I.'s conclusion of its investigation and I assume is the focal point of the classified report on her. This was not necessarily a physical relationship, but emotionally she had, like the hypnotist in the Ray case, apparently gained some psychological dominance over her. I had never brought this up before, because I did not know the name of the agent for someone to check it. This weekend I finally got him to tell me. It was Sims Regard of Baton Rouge, now with the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, an industry organization cooperative for the mutual benefit of various companies in the area. The statement was based not on his own

investigation, out of his friendship with Keis Kennedy and others who were in New Orleans and conducted the investigation there, after the assassination. I persuaded Dad to read both of your books then (I&II), and Penn Jones' volume II, because I think one of the most bizarre aspects is the death of witnesses who had information about a conspiracy. On page 148, he noticed the name of a man he knows. In the testimony of George DeMohrenschildt (9 H 247), he was asked about a party he attended with the Declan Fords and the Oswalds (which I assume Jenner was asking on the basis of an F.B.I. report, though this is obscure), and just before he asked if there had been any discussion about Oswald being a Russian agent, he asked if there had been a Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Sullivan at the party. Dad knew (on a business basis) this man who was a divisional land geologist with the company, and apparently had a problem (with drinking, evidently), and was divorced, and has gone either to another company or another business.

I enclosed a return envelope for you in my last letter, which I asked you to hold until this one, so I could tell you about coming up there. I think you can expect me around the 20th, but I'll let you know more specifically later. Do write me a long letter as soon as possible (I've written you 2 long ones), and I'll look forward to hearing from you. I intend to print something up about the work I've just done in Congress and will try to send you advance copies as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John F. Kennedy", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

P.S. It had slipped my mind until now to mention this to you, but when I was in Washington, just before I left Fensterwald's office on my aborted trip to see you he gave me a package, a brown envelope, to give to you. Unfortunately, there was no way, but as soon as I got to Houston I had the office send it to you special delivery. I never opened it (I assume it was confidential). Let me know if you have not gotten it, as I am concerned about it.

The enclosed is from Butler's newspaper, and is quite revealing as to his true sentiments re President Kennedy. Also, compare his reason for why Oswald killed Kennedy & Brinquier's answer in my tape, and the passage becomes strikingly more significant.

Exact quote:

"Another (reason) was John F. Kennedy, who made people disagree with him. At some times, at some instance I had disagreements with him to his policies but I had to recognize that the people in Latin America love President Kennedy. And this was the tremendous damage that he was doing, to Castro's attempt to bring about Latin America" (Exact quote.) Thus Brinquier (and Butler) now blame not only the pro-Castroites for the assassination, but are trying to shift the blame to President Kennedy himself, for siding with them. ^{violent revolution in}

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Dear Mr. Brown:
In this card you have both of my telephons. I will be glad to give an interview to you. Just let me know when and at what time it would be more convenient to you. Carlos Bringuier.