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Dear Dr. Schlesinger,

Among the innumerable outrages and indecencies in Max Holland's total abandonment of all principles of responsible writing and of scholarship in the current *The Nation*, one of the most offensive to me is his joining the campaign to hold John and Robert Kennedy responsible for the President's assassination. His reference to you on page 654 leads me to send you relevant CIA records disclosed to me under date of February 14, 1989 only because of their referral from the FBI. By then the CIA had contrived a scheme for disclosing nothing at all to me. The record is clear: no Kennedy was involved in or was aware of the CIA's efforts to kill Castro. A few similar pages released to me earlier have disappeared from the file.

Podner's is perhaps the most intonedly dishonest of all the assassination books. The rough draft of my book on this, Hook, is currently being retyped. I expect it to appear early next year. Unlike NEVER AGAIN! I am not concerned that what may be edited out might be significant information.

Based on the information I was able to obtain almost two decades ago I included in Post Mortem what amounted to a campaign to get Robert Kennedy to endorse the Warren Report before it was written. It is in Chapter 27, "Hades - Not Camelot." I'll send the book separately. All the evidence is, I believe properly, that he was completely divorced from the investigation. To say that he is responsible for withholdings from the Commission is an infamous lie. The campaign to get him to endorse the unwritten Report seems to have been led by one he had reason to trust, Howard Willens, his own employee. Willens was the Commission's third in rank on its staff and its liaison with Justice. As soon as he was working for the Commission he saw to it that the index being prepared of the Commission's record was killed as not necessary. His last public attention of which I am aware is as one of Caspar Weinberger's lawyers.

That Holland made no effort to seek confirmation of anything or any reason to question anything he wrote confirms to me all over again that there is no people who cannot happily staff a KGB or a Gestapo or an operation like Goebbels'. Holland, Kai Bird ^A ^{of} both where here and copied whatever they wanted when their book in McCloy was being researched. Holland knew where he could get a peer review but like Random House and Podner, he wanted none.

"his letter requires no response. Again, apologies for my typing.

Sincerely,

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