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Dear Harold,

Enclosed, you'll find a copy of NY Times' John Crewdson letter to me, copy of Schlesinger letter (an important one,I think) to Moyers, the opening dialogue of my show with Sylvia Meagher- a very good one in which we destroyed the ABC-TV "Oswald Trial" bullshit, the Marita Lorenz articles, the Daniel Schorr bullshit article and some other stuff which may be of some interest to you. As you requested, I again called Sylvia re Fineman's document and going to his mailbox for your letter, etc, she says he's mailing the Perry transcript to you and me, so that's OK. It'll be awaiting your mentioned packages although you DIDN'T have to send cassettes since I have those here, but thanks anyway Harold. Hope this letter finds you and your wife feeling OK, and Sylvia and Fineman send their regards. I will again mention that if, at ANYTIME, you want to say something on cassette or in print form that you would like me to play/say on my TV show, or if you are ever in N.Y., you will ALWAYS be a welcomed guest at any time! But you already know that! The Crewdson letter is interesting in that it says some things, but doesn't say other things, if you know what I mean. It'll make complete copies of the U.S.C. Lane/Phillips/Freed etc conference upon receipt of your package so you'll know what was said there- at 45 dollars admission price per person for that one-day thing. How about that, 45 bucks!!?

Hope you enjoy this material, Harold, and try to take it a bit east. Too bad your lecture wasn't taped- cannot understand those things!

Bye now,

Ped Gardings

October 2, 1977

Dear Ted Gandolfo:

I very much appreciate your sending along to me the CIA document relating to the agency's use of propaganda assets to support the conclusion of the warren commission. Your letter was handed to me just as I was leaving Washington, and as I have been roaming the sagebrush in south Texas since then I have not had a chance to study it, or to acknowledge its receipt, until now. I hope you will forgive the delay, but my life is a rather chaotic one.

In any event, having disposed of south Texas for the moment, I am preparing again to set out on the CIAmadia story and expect to pursue it to its conclusion. This evening, interestingly enough, I spoke with a contact who told me of a retired CIA officer who is now employed as a columnist on a newspaper here in Houston. It seems that a few years ago (perhaps 10, maybe less) this man appeared and on a local television news-interview program to debate several critics of monimum the warren report. he argued the party line -- that the inquiry was thorough, etc. when my contact told me that my eyebrows lit up. i had thought, upon first reading your document, that the reference was to the cia's foreign media assets -- ie, foreign journalists working for foreign publications -- which is not really the subject of my current inquiry. however -- and i am endeavoring to get a transcript of this program -- my new information raises the distinct possibility not only that this man has remained an asset of the agency since his retirement (i would not be overly surprised to learn that that is true) but that the assets they activated in the commission's defense were in fact domestic ones. the ramifications of that, i needn't tell you, mundiminute are both broad and startling. in any event, i will return to new york in a week or two in the course of my reporting and hopefully we can have a drink and talk this over a little more.

Again, thank you for your kindness in supplying the documents and be assured that I will credit you as its source in whatever I write.

Sincerely yours,

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