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Dear Wayne,

Thanks for your kind letter and the Prouty clipping from UPI. That item made electronic news hereabouts but I didn't see it in print. I suppose the second, not given directive may have been at the time of the Barghorn incident. I have met Prouty twice. He is impressive. Both times was socially, when it was impossible to really engaged him in conversation.

It may be that some of the assassination parallels were edited out.

Things you do not get may also be because of my ellipsis, an unwillingness to conjecture leading to a straight, uninterpreted presentation. Many remain about the false broadcasts, for example. And although your editor directed that a copy of what was published be sent me, I saw the note on my letter when I was there, it was not done at his direction nor afterward when I took it and showed it to his secretary.

Prouty is writing a book. General Cabell died recently. I was aware of the history you cite. Which also says he was incredibly devious or no less incompetent.

Hope you can get here when you are in DC, with or without anticipated added attraction. Room for both, Bring swimming trunks, we have pool.

I think you refer to Youghblood. I did not know he was a Cabell protege. He sure got in trouble with the CIA when he went counter to policy. Is there proof, other than his word, of this relationship? I have a general understanding of Thompson's belief and do not buy it, know he saw Bob's partner, etc. Bob, by the way, seems to have done an excellent appeal brief, despite what you said. I've not heard from him for a long time (and I note that Renfro lost, as he should have, never having been hired by Ray-he worked for Hanes, which is not the same thing). On Y, prior to this he was also a pilot for Castro. Robin Moore wrote about him (Devil to Pay)

Excuse haste. I always have too much to do, but several recent things have snowed me under. Do hope you can get here. Thanks for keeping me posted.

Sincerely,

Dear Harold,

I thought I would put in writing ^{what} I told you on the phone. I thought your book was great. As I probably told you, I am writing a book also, with a somewhat different theme--cross-tying similarities between the Kennedy and King assassinations. You touched on several of these aspects in your book. I assure you I will carefully credit you as the source on materials that I had not personally gathered in my investigation.

I am going to be in Washington the last week of August. I do not know the exact dates as of yet. (I also know a girl--or did know a girl--in D.C., and I may be trying to combine business with pleasure. The girl is close to sources in both the Ted Kennedy and McGovern camps. She may prove to be useful later.)

I would like to go over the radio broadcast, the fake chase and the many implications. You wrote a very interesting chapter on it, and touched on many facets that I was not aware ~~of~~. Although I interviewed many persons in connection with the chase, I apparently missed some. Also, I am not sure I understand all of the implications. No reflection on your exposition of the matter, but rather a reflection of my dullness. I guess I have been too close to this thing...

Enclosed is a UPI clipping which I thought you would be interested in. Although I never could get Bud Bensterwald interested in this guy Cabell, I think he could be the key to the entire Kennedy assassination. As I once told Bud and you, a protege of Cabell was in Memphis on the day King was killed. He was a veteran of many para-military operations conducted by CIA in Latin America, including Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Cuba. The protege was also in Brazil when a top Batista diplomat was assassinated in 1958.

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