

3/24/72 Dear Jerry, As usual, I wrote you in haste last night. I've not had time to think it through completely yet, even though as you know I correctly anticipated your source. But one thing I am certain is the case: there is more you haven't said. One is likely the real or given reason for Lattimer and another is the real or given reason for his hangup on the JFK assassination, which I would imagine is more political than the one he gives, which a child can't believe after reading his writing, and another the alleged basis for selecting him to ~~see~~ see the stuff. I know Marshall didn't know him and that he knew neither Marshall nor any Kennedy...I think it is wrong to take each separate national issue as detached from any or all others. What is going on today ought be enough to frighten anybody. Occasionally there seem to be minor victories against evil, as in getting the Carrswell nomination defeated. This merely meant that a man as bad but much smoother got the job when the raw Kleindienst fascism was smoothed a bit. We got a man who may well be much worse than the rejected nominee...I decided against taking the time to take Kleindienst's record to the Hill when he was nominated on the basis of the "liberals'" statements that Nixon is entitled to his own man. Perhaps this was an error, but with all the other things I have to do, it seemed like a futility. I can now conceive of Kleindienst seeming to withdraw himself with a Nixonian blast. There would be no doubt at all if the press would do what it can. They are all laying back and repeating what Anderson says, no more. Some of the lower echelons are sick and embarrassed. I hear from them...Anyway, think this thing through. I think you may later have some regrets...I am also of the belief that you are getting a fair amount of flak about me. That is something you can't discuss. If it is true, you might do some independent analysis, beginning with is it true (as on some things it surely can be), is it in context, and does anything lie behind it. Best regards, HW