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Mr. Herman H. Hoyt
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Dear Mr. Hoyt,

Thanks much for the photostates of the clips from the New York Times 4/1-19/63.

You do not realize it but you tease me much! I am interested in this long to get back to that part of my writing but simply can't. Moreover, the phlebitis lingers and further reduces what I can do. These reminders relate to the two books I want to do most, one researched the other begun.

So, I will appreciate it if you come across anything more on this general aspect. Unless it is something that requires response I will appreciate your understanding if I make none. Aside from the volume of work I have undertaken and try to do I am deep in many FOIA actions, my wife works this time of the year (meaning I have more on the shipping of books to do) and infrequently, as in several days, I have to make a trip. I now have a lecture bureau. It has not accomplished much but occasionally books me. It is the closest thing I have to what can be called income.

I had no separate, specific recollection of Rickenbacker's 4/7 Times statements but I am well aware of his sentiments. At least from the time of his first public statements of which I have knowledge, and this goes way back, he was of the right extreme. Here he calls JFK a traitor over Cuba, which is quite provocative.

When you have time you may want to follow this interest a little further, I once had a complete file from many papers beginning long before this period and continuing after it. I think Garrison never returned it.

If this period marks the beginning of a sudden outburst by the Cuban revanchists and their friends it also just happens to coincide with another important development. April 1963 was the last month of CIA support for the Cuban Revolutionary Council. There is no doubt that the CIA informed it prior to the last day, the last day of that April.

There was another burst of activity following the FBI's forced raid on the collection of explosives near New Orleans. That was 7/51. I remember a gathering of those of this belief in I think Honduras in early October, sort of a council of war to decide what to do.

I can't help much more on Collins. When I was familiar with that company I know of the Cedar Rapids plant only. They built the transmitter of the radio station for which they I then (1947-8) worked. I did not know of their Dallas offices.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that these people had motive. Proof is another matter. But if you want to make it all more provocative, this also coincides in time (4/63) with Oswald's move to New Orleans. I'm sorry you are not familiar with my writing. Much is quite alliptical because I could not go further responsibly. There are bits and pieces that fit with what you are suggesting.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg