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Dear Harold,

Jim Sear told me the other day that he had passed along some papers I had written to you. That is alright with me, but I would want to make sure that the information is kept strictly confidential.

You may use it for investigatory purposes but nothing should be printed without independent verification and/or agreement by the parties involved or by me.

Some of these people are scared to death. They are afraid of losing their jobs. They're afraid of some unknown harm, etc. I also believe strongly that we have to protect their rights. We cannot do what the government does to so many people - that it mess around with their right of privacy, etc.

Another caution relates to getting them to open up more. I'm pretty sure that I can get more info by simply letting them know what I know and asking them to talk more when they are ready to.

You may have noticed that the New York Times printed many documents on the Vietnam War today. They clearly show that the decision was

made to go all-the-way soon after the assassination. I would hope the Times could print some <sup>similar</sup> documents from the period, Oct 1 - Nov. 30. They might show that a 180° change was made within a couple of days of the assassinations.

I suspect that people may begin to open up soon. It should be obvious to all but the hardest heads that U.S. foreign (military) policy is bankrupt. People are also retiring from government. - But I suspect there will be more assassinations before this is over with. We should be prepared to go to the scene right away when the next one happens. However, it may be more difficult to identify as an assassination. - It probably will be done with some sophistication.

Best wishes -

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