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Dear Henry,

Thanks for your 2/14 and the courtesies with it.

The Councillor is the publication of the White Citizens Council. Pretty extreme. I'd not heard of the book, either. My only interest in such is archival. I do not have time to read this trash but I'd like to leave all I can obtain for students of the future. I've already established archival arrangements for everything. With no political strictures.

I also wrote Bennett. He has not responded. He now knows he faces the loss of \$10,000. I doubt he knows the fullness of it all.

Henty, old New Guarder, you shock me not knowing Henry Rothblatt. He is one of the more able criminal ~~sixxxx~~ lawyers, author of texts and in recent sensational litigation the original counsel to the Watergaters, except for McCord.

This is how he connects with Kimsey.

There is this very fine conservative lady who was the lady friend of Kimsey after Kimsey's brief and unsuccessful marriage. In ways I do not know Kimsey told her of his doubts about or disagreements with the Warren Report. I regret I never met her. She told me that if anything happened to Kimsey he had arranged for Henry Rothblatt to have his records. She did not know Rothblatt, only that he was a New York lawyer. When it appeared that Kimsey had no interest in me or my work despite his own interest I attributed it to political distrust and made no effort to get in touch with him. Now I'm sorry.

I do not know how truthful Len Davidov's account to me is but I do know that he was more than Kimsey's employer. They were close friends. In the presence of this good and honest lady Len told me many personal things about Kimsey, to which Len's wife added. Kimsey lived in part of Davidov's office, which was in an apartment building. According to Len's account as soon as Kimsey died the spooks and Kimsey's former wife came in and took possession of all Kimsey's papers in Len's offices.

Kimsey had been CIA but not in any such role as McDonald's. I have his summary of his own career. To the best of my knowledge their only close contact aside from an interest in what is closer to police work than spooking was when they were both in Army Intelligence together at Fort Holabird, Baltimore.

McDonald is a miserable fake who has done much damage. In the course of this he has defamed Kimsey.

There are many assassination mythologies. Most of those who theorize hold to fantasies. I do not know if this is true of Kimsey or not. I do know that before he died he went to Fensterwald's offices. I do not know if any of his papers reached Rothblatt. I'd like to know and see them. Whatever they are I'd like to add them to this archive if I see no immediate value in them. But I don't get to New York often and in recent years I've never been able to stay there long enough to do more than what took me there. This is one of the reasons I've never been to Rothblatt's office. Another is that too often conservatives begin with apprehensions about the imposition of political doctrines and jump to conclusions, as the liberals also do.

Rothblatt is busy with a successful career, too. If as I assume he knows that I was Ray's investigator at the time Fensterwald was his chief counsel he will assume that Bud and I agree when we not only do not but rarely see each other and by and large have a cat-dog relationship. Recall your own early writing about me despite what I told you. I think you now know I was truthful then. And since. You might now want to go back to the introduction to my first book and read my defense of those with whom I have no agreement, the Texas Birchers who put up the money for the nasty anti-JFK propaganda. If my work was approved by the eastern liberal intellectual community would I have had publishing troubles? But Rothblatt has no way of knowing these things. So I'm looking for someone who knows him.

SPEED MESSAGE

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SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 2/14/77 19\_\_\_\_

Dear Harold:

Thanks very much for letting me borrow the letters on Jack Ruby (GD 1052). I'm returning them herewith, along with an extra xeroxed set in case you can use it.

Also enclosed is a clipping from something called THE COUNCILOR. They're peddling a four buck manuscript THE SEARCH FOR A MASTER ASSASSIN. I've not seen it, but it sounds nuts.

I've not yet heard from Bennett of Hagoth re my inquiry on the ground rules for claiming the reward. Will send you copies of anything I get.

I've not heard of Henry Rothblatt? How does he connect with Kimsey? Sorry, but I also don't have any recollection of a flurry of activity before the release of McDonald's book re solving the crime and the connection of Security Associates International. I try to clip and file everything I run across in the papers and magazines, but this must have slipped by me. Let me do some hunting and get back to you.

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