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Dear Paul,

Because I regard this as an important matter I'm sorry I was not able to write you in time to get a letter in yesterday's mail. I doubt you will be able to respond in time for me to have what I'd like for what follows.

Because of the nature of the matter and more, because of the extreme reluctance of the one who phoned me to speak openly on the phone I ask that you keep this in confidence.

I've heard from the Senate Intelligence Committee. If I did not have to be in court day after tomorrow that is when the person who phoned me would have been here. The first open day we both have is a week from tomorrow.

His interest, which I can describe only in generalities now, not knowing more, is in the Epstein, in the broadest sense. I'm sure it includes as what for practical purposes is a spook Back book and what I regard as The War of the Moles, the real moles inside the intelligence community, the Angletonians.

Your summary of the Scott-Lee-Epstein tape says that Angleton is responsible for the committee's interest. Obviously this means through one wing of it. I think it is important for me to be able to give him every word Epstein said, including this tape, the Williams one and Golz's. (I wrote Mark about this earlier.)

The person who phoned me is not of that wing or view on the committee. While I do not know him and his name meant nothing to me I do know very well the Member who had him phone me.

I am in the position of guessing. My guess is that the one who is coming here will not have any great interest in the factual inaccuracy of Epstein's writing about the assassination. However, I think he will have an interest in the antecedents of the book and the forces behind it and I'm inclined to believe also that he'll be interested in the alternatives Epstein did not explore - did not even mention.

Please think along these lines and let me have whatever you regard as relevant.

I am prepared to give away the research for Agent Oswald as well as the possibility of ever writing the book. However, not lightly. I'll have to be satisfied first.

In this connection I can't find the six-page Rankin memo on his and Warren's 1/24/64 meeting with the Texans. I suspect one of those who had access to my files liked it too much. I gave you and Gary copies. Would you please send me one? (Gary was in China as of my last knowledge.)

Sincerely,