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Dear Larry,

Thanks for the papers that came today.

When I mentioned them to Jim yesterday he reminded me of what I'd forgotten. We got them earlier, prior to getting the Memo of Transfer.

Years ago I made a ^{major} ~~good~~ effort to get those papers and then had to let it go. When Jim was willing to make the effort some months ago we started up again. They let us have those two letters but held off on the Memo. It was not until we'd have filed a suit that they let the Memo out.

I'd even written a comment on them that I'd forgotten until Jim reminded me!

Alas and lackaday I am forgetting. Much for a man once credited with a photographic memory. What I remember is clear. But there have been a number of incidents like this one in the recent past and they trouble me. Maybe I'm trying to remember too much.

But I'm sorry for the trouble.

What I could not remember about the Church League of America is that they are also a sort of private blacklisting outfit. A guy named Bundy there seemed to be cozy with a Lt. Olsen or Olson of the Chicops "subversive" unit. I suppose he figured in your paper's stories.

The real reason I'm hoping you will not try to do anything with the absence of traces on the front of JFK's shirt and the tie is not because it is new or because you got it through my suit but because it will at best be argued about if used, as happened in the past, and because I have special reasons for not wanting any downgrading of anything relating to any of this whole area of evidence of which that is, really, an insignificant part.

There is an enormous amount of crap going around right now, too.

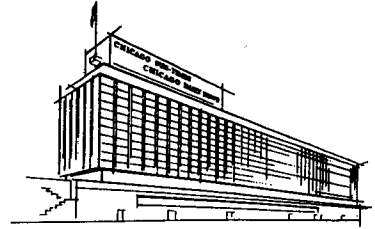
I do have a long book completed. I've not been able to print it. I will be bringing it out soon. It is long because it attempts to put everything in context and to end all reasonable argument about that with which it deals. I've turned down many expressions of interest in parts over the years simply because I do want as little basis for the finks to do their finking. The opposition is fairly well organized now, with the support of the Rockefeller Report. What they did was possible because of uncredited interpretations. Plus much bull.

It really ought not be long now before this book is printed. I'll risk the debt. The text is done except for a new ending (making no mention of the shirtfront) and the appendix. My wife is typing the index, to which we'll add, because she has had it carded for years.

In April I was giving that kind of stuff away and finding no takers. I did, as you may remember, remind you I was having a press conference in NYC if you wanted your reporter there to have copies. (You wouldn't have had to spend the money.) But the situation has changed much. Very much. To the quite dangerous. Otherwise, at my age, I'd not be considering more debt. I already have the estimates, on cost, etc., and have several attempts at selling ancillary rights not rejected.

What I can safely give away I do, as when I called you with the murder by LSD story. That is a different area. Actually, I gave Eaton much more. But what has any relationship with this book I'm staying away from and not even trying to sell stories that are possible. I do have expectations for it, meaning not money. I have some tentative arrangements that can be important, again not in money. People have been here and seen what I invited you to see. I think you would then understand.

Hope you can get here. Thanks and best regards,



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Larry S. Finley, July 11, 1975

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Here are copies of the Warren Commission documents you requested during our telephone conversation of today.

These documents were part of a package of documents I received on July 9 from the National Archives.

I had requested copies of all Warren Commission documents that have been declassified and released since the first of the year. This package contained approximately 386 pages of copied documents.

I requested these by letter on June 12.

Regards,


Larry S. Finley