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Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

Jim Lesar has given me a copy of your 3/5 to Bud Fensterwald and the attached decision in your Galindes case.

You ask Bud about Horace W. Schmahl. Have you been in touch with the Hiss people or those who have looked into that case, Mike Peter Irans, Univ. of Mass. at Boston, and Athen Thecharis, Marquette Univ., Milwaukee?

I realize I may be coaling Newcastle. At the time of Galindes' disappearance I was somewhat interested. I then knew a few Latin Americans who were in the diplomatic corps. They then spoke of Johnny Abbas (phon) as Trujillo's assassin. The late Col. Samuel Fernandez Castillo, who I knew fairly well, was related to Trujillo and was his military attache. I think he was involved in the Guatemala overthrow, working from Venezuela.

Have you spoken to Dan Kurzman, who was at the Washington Post and was fired, I think over some Dominican coverage or the Post's refusal to print it, I'm not now clear on this. Last I heard he was in New York.

Morris Ernst, referred to in the decision, wanted to be closer to J. Edgar Hoover than he was after, as I recall, once representing Hoover.

On page 36 there is a reference to CIA abstracts. If they are anything like those the FBI had and resisted disclosing, they can be very valuable. The FBI had two sets, one by the serial numbers of the records, the other in chronological order. They were a fair summary of the underlying records.

The reference to Stanley Rose on page 42 carried me back to World War II, when I was in OSS and he was rather insistent in pressing a political point of view on us about some Latin American matters, as I now recall largely Venezuela. After all these years my impression may not be faithful to fact, but I recall him as a propagandist of the right extreme rather than as a reporter and I am more confident that he was that way in his JFK assassination disinformations. He then got the publicity he was looking for. He is one of those who tried to involve Castro Cuba through fabrications. I think also with Bobby Kennedy, through a certified nut named Congora. My recollection of his appearances then is that he said nothing about Galindes. His Washington appearances (radio) included WTOP and the Eddie Gallagher program on WRC.

You were lucky with your judge.

Best wishes,