

Dear Dick,

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As I work away at what I have long considered AGENT OSWALD? I have a <sup>a</sup>bsic decision to make. I solicit your opinion as soon as you can give it, not as any commitment but because it can influence publishability.

Ford was a real momser on the Commission. Aside from being the running dog for the most extreme racists who tried to get Norman Redlich fired as Rankin's assistant, which Ford did do at the one executive session I was denied in the FOIA litigation, he was an FBI informer inside the Commission, reporting to Cartha DeLoach. He also took the lead in bludgeoning the Commission not to hear testimony of the defected KGB official Yuri Nosenko, who said that it considered Oswald an agent in place or a sleeper agent, and that inside the USSR he was openly anti-Soviet, with quite an untold Nosenko story I'll be telling, with documents. Among other serious misconduct he perjured himself to become our unelected vice president, which made him our only unelected President. He lied about his theft and sale <sup>in his book</sup> of the contents of an executive session transcript that was withheld from me for nine years after he published it, <sup>my</sup> making major changes in content to favor the FBI and presenting these changes as verbatim text. He even did the FBI's dirty work in keeping Warren from having his own choice as general counsel, which is how Rankin was inflicted on the Commission and on the rest of us.

This will all be documented. Have you any questions or misgivings about it or about any <sup>part</sup> of it?

I believe it is an important part of the story I'm telling and more, that it is an important part of our history that should be put together and be available.

It is not that I carry a torch and want to "get" Ford, although I did decline to be introduced to him.

What he did and did not do is an important part of the Commission story and of our history as a result.

I do not predict that this would entail political problems for the book. I believe the opposite, that it would add to the welcome the book should get. But <sup>I</sup> can see that others may feel differently, thus I ask your opinion.

Best to you all,

*Harold*