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Dear Jim,

For whatever my opinion is worth to you, I alert you to the booby-trap in Thompson and his work, which is designed to get the government off the hook and undermine you while stealing from and attacking the rest of us.

I have now heard Thompson for almost three hours on the radio, with a sympathetic host, and read his piece carefully on the way home.

The serious errors in it cannot be accidental. The thievery is obvious. The purpose is a formula for the government, and it will, at the least enrich the harlot. Now you know why he bragged about not going down to see you when you invited him in August, as he did on radio. I presume Vince recommended it. He had nothing to give you, for he had nothing of his own, and there was nothing he wanted from you, because he is on the other side and his writing is for them, not us.

I should have thought to make a copy of this for you, and of the letter I wrote his host on the radio station, which is clear channel and has a very large audience, particularly on this subject. I forgot, so I'd appreciate it if you return the enclosed after you have read it.

Imagine three assassins who are accomplices or have accomplices—the precise word in the Post—and there is no conspiracy! And Oswald is not innocent. And the first shot was not fired until the Commission said so. And no "missed" shot accounted for, although he acknowledges two, the Tague one and my "Madredge" one, which he tried to explain as a more than 90 degree deflection from Connally's wrist (aside from a vertical arc, this is 90 degrees horizontally only), when it remained energetic enough to gouge a 4-inch hole in the pavement! Barefaced, as though it could all be possible, this is the way he explains one of two possibilities of the Connally injuries, while quoting CBS but eliminating their proof that no single bullet, even with no representation of the rib, had the power to penetrate the gelatin block substituting for the thigh. And this is only a tiny bit.

This is really worse than Phelan. They can even apologize for Phelan now. This is a devilishly clever move, and it can hurt us much more than a frontal assault.

Our opposition is nothing if not resourceful. This time they were imaginative, for the first time. I think we should be on the ~~max~~ alert for what may follow, like maybe Bobby Kennedy making a statement, or a member of the Commission.

Remember, regardless of the headline, what this man says is that the Commission was right, basically, but made just a small mistake in saying Oswald was alone. He was and he wasn't. Others just happened to pick the same spot the same time for the same purpose. No conspiracy. He is more clever than Epstein, who is openly on the other side and has been from the first. These are the two books Sylvia helped with! Maggie is quite bitter about this, without knowing all that I have learned since seeing her and as a result of having heard him.

Hope you got rested. Let me know when you'd like me to come down. My last present commitment is the night of 12/11. Best regards,