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Dear Jim,

I began the Hepburn on the plane back, finishing it last night and this morning. It is fascinating, scholarly, persuasive.

However, it leaves me with questions, and I would like to read the rest of it. For the presumed sources, it has remarkably little on the deed and is in those passages more general and less specific than it could be.

There is error, but the error is not disqualification. While we are all prone to it, with Hepburn's facilities, it makes me wonder.

There are voids where I would not expect to find them, omissions that surprise me. From what I project of the organization, I would not expect to find these elsewhere.

Yet it is a thoroughly impressive work, at least that part I read, and the above comments are not in any sense refutation.

However, I would like very much to read the rest of it, to make a further and more complete analysis.

The motive you attribute to its origin is possible. After reading this part I suspect another and more pragmatic, one I think you will be entirely in sympathy with.

There are several other things I could not report to you before I left because you were busy. You may recall that last Sunday morning I phoned to tell you I had something I wanted you to hear. There was, it turned out, no time for this, and I reported it to you briefly. It is a tape recording I made and it has on it something that is unmistakable in New Orleans, a sound that can be heard in only one area. Since then I have located what I believe to be the probable source, photographed it, and I think it is entirely consistent with the possibility of accuracy for a source the dependability of which, as you know, has baffled me.

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About one o'clock Friday, which you can date as the ~~time~~ of appearance of your release, I was with a source known to me to shun reading, never once to have referred to what was in the papers or on the air to me, and had been with this source for about two hours. Marge Kirkpatrick came in to bid me farewell and referred to having heard on the radio or TV to your statement that you had received certain information from abroad. My source turned to me and smiled and said something that was not in the papers (I did not hear any broadcasts), "There is a lot of activity in the Embassy in Paris". This was amplified to indicate consternation, movements and departures, including from the United States, and from New Orleans. There had been no earlier allusion to any aspect of this.

It is possible that I was able to make those legal arrangements I wanted. It will be about three weeks before I am certain. If I have, we can attack as well as defend, and in two important areas. Also, if Jim Alcock has not told you what I learned about a judge, you might want to ask him. My source is unimpeachable, thoroughly dependable, friendly and part~~is~~ pris...Incidentally, this newest development has been forecast to me by my baffling source for about two months, including the use of the proper initials from abroad.

Best,