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Dear General Gavin:

Eventually I will have the unedited tape of the interview you kindly granted me yesterday for Authors' Roundtable. Should you desire, I can either make a copy for you or give you a transcript for your files. I appreciate the few moments you took from so busy a day on which you were already behind schedule.

My wife reports she did not see the TV interviews you taped after we finished.

The subject of the Kennedy assassination is one little understood by those who were the late President's friends, those who create and shape public opinion, and those in positions of power. Most ordinary Americans, in my considerable contact with them on this subject, have a basically correct understanding of it and its subsequent official investigation.

My own efforts to interest those in whose integrity I have confidence has been unsuccessful. I hope, busy as you are, you may be the exception. Mr. Galbraith has indicated that sometime when he is in the area he might find time for us to chat. Otherwise, I have not a single encouraging response.

May I ask you to consider what the situation of the country is if I am right in what I say? Who or what is ever safe? Which of our vital institutions is not in jeopardy? Can any President ever consider himself secure, ever make a totally free decision?

Separately, I am sending you my four published books. The fifth is ready for publication, but I cannot at this moment afford it. Its title is **POST-MORTEM: THE SUPPRESSED KENNEDY AUTOPSY**. I have several thousand pages of the once-secret documents that have never been seen by anyone, documents I have not yet been able to publish. Anything I have is available to you if, as I hope, you interest yourself in this subject, which I believe to be basic to everything today. This includes documents said not to exist, where every copy has been destroyed or removed and I found misfiled copies, even the altered top-secret Commission executive session transcripts where alterations are transparent.

Everything I have is available to you on the basis of confidence. I am and I have been impressed by the courage of your public position, by the integrity and cogency of your words, and am in accord

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with what you have been saying. I think your recent activities require more courage than leading troops into battle. What I said in presenting you on the program was sincere.

I hope you can take the time to give this subject a little thought. If you do, I think you will be able to agree with me, that without the assassination and its subsequent, tragic official pretense of an investigation and the presentation of a fairy-tale as the solution to the crime, those things that so disturb you may not have come to pass. Should you find time to read the books, perhaps you may wonder whether we have had the first coup d'etat in our history. Right now, with what I have published and what I have not yet been able to, I think I have a prima facie case of it.

Should you read these books, as I hope you can do, I would welcome the opportunity to show you the unpublished one and the really shocking documentation I have for it, including official approval of all the error in the autopsy - of even the burning of the first version of it.

Sincerely,

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