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Dear General Gavin:

The presumption of your letter of September 16 is correct. I do have in my possession each and every document I quote or refer to in COUP D'ETAT.

I do appreciate your taking the time to read it. I had hoped that, with the other books I sent you, this would indicate to you at least the possibility that our country and its traditional principles and liberties are in great and immediate jeopardy, and that it is the operative issue and problem of the era. Without it, in my view, the other major ones would not exist or would exist in different form.

Also, I hoped to give you deeper insight into your own important work.

You are correct in understanding that I was not panhandling you. What I have done for these long years I have done at my own expense, going without income and mortgaging to the hilt everything I have. I have had but a little minor and unsolicited help, in every case from those really not able to afford it. You also correctly understood my hope you might direct me to those who might take an interest in my work. I have tried a few foundations, but with no success.

It is, I suppose, one of the quiet tragedies that John Kennedy left no friend behind him with the requisite courage. I had recognized this by the time I wrote the epilogue to WHITEWASH II, where I address it. Not one of those he touched into greatness remains great, not one has the love of him, the country or its freedoms, or the traditional qualities and emotions of manhood.

He left jesters and profiteers, but no Blondel.

I will have more in this book. I have the tapes I allude to and will be adding their texts. The Gubans who I said duplicated in Robert's murder the pattern of the President's also were known to the government. I now have that, in fine detail, with names and some biographies. I have the exact words of the Memphis forecast of the King assassination, with the names of the eyewitnesses, and will be incorporating that, too. All the documents, entirely untouched, I plan as an appendix. The new, mechanical problem is that with the material I was working on when I sent you the draft, the book is now too long. I have a book-length addition on only one aspect of the executive sessions. I shall make that another book, increasing the number of what

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is unublishable in the Post-John Kennedy United States, or, as I now plan, making it part of a three-part book. You may read this addition if and when you want, for I do not have the urgent need for it I had for the main text.

Weep for the land of unequaled wealth, General, corrupted by plenty, pendant between Hitler 1934 and Orwell 1984; with no leader of courage, manhood and understanding; where a witty, attractive young President, seeking peace in the world and a share of their inheritance for those so long denied it, can be gunned down on the streets of a major city and consigned to history with the dubious epitaph of a fake inquest - by the government that came into power by that murder alone; where the President's protectors protect his murderers; where the watchman waketh in vain.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg