

Dear Gerry,

10/15/97

Thanks for the clippings, which I'd not seen. The Times summary of the missile-crisis tapes is on the main point as it begins: "This is how the world didn't end." Which so many have forgotten! Like the Sy Hersh who is engaged in a denigration, The Dark Side of Camelot, now due in about a month, I'm told.

In his mis-titled Oswald and the CIA Newman states at several points that Castro was "Implicated," if I remember the word correctly, on the basis of impure myth. He was going that way. However, I ~~xxx~~ hear he is having financial problems and has had to ease off some. I never see or hear from him. Not directly.

How he could have spent 20 years in intelligence without being able to see that nobody wanted JFK to continue more than Castro I can't understand.

After all these many years I also can't understand who at least some of those in the government and with those responsibilities could not understand what they were involved in in the missile crisis and could not figure it out before it was over with the obvious. That is all I did. No big deal. But we have left in government only those who can survive living the kind of life than now means, living policy rather than intelligence or scholarship.

And what policy!

Jerry copied several files for his own use and will ~~xxxx~~ have them in his home in the event you or Dennis would like to consider them for your writing. One is the file of notes that Hoover added of which I made separate copies and the other is something to which I tumbled too late, the "Research Matters" files that are not research matters but are DeLoach's dirty-workings. To a large degree on the press. Jerry can not give you a better idea of the content that I. He did enjoy, if that is the word, reading both files.

It was not until I could get a copy of the list of FBI file classifications that I could understand what some of the duplicate filings were. 94 is "Research Matters" and that file the FBI and its lawyers refused to search to comply with my FOIA requests even when I produced solid proof of relevance. That part had to do with reporters and writers. Even Hoover's correspondence is file in 94!

In the filed offices the 80 classification is used in a like manner.

Thanks and best to you all,

Appreciate copies of the coming Hersh book that should really be titled The Dark Side of Modern American Journalism. I have the Newsweek of last week.

Lesar says that, not someone else said that Hersh began with an assassination book and shifted to this addition to the assault on what had become a great presidency and President.

Dear Harold,

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You may have already seen the enclosed, but it sure does confirm your analysis of the Cuba Missile Crisis. Curtis LeMay's character comes through loud and clear.

I have finally gotten around to reading your manuscript on Newman. Among the nuts he depends on I could not believe that he cites Marita Lorenz as a credible source. I have her book in my office. As you may know her "documents" appendix includes such items as the front page of a tabloid called "Confidential". It appears Newman is laying the groundwork to cast further dirt on Cuba and Castro. Maybe he is angling for a research grant from Jesse Helms' Senate Foreign Relations committee.

Hope you and Lilien are well. Dennis and I are strongly considering a trip to Frederick in late November or possibly early December. I hope we will be able to make the trip.

Best,
Gerry