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Dear Mr. Rothstein,

Of this no carbon to Kelley. I suggest my poet friend provided a possible answer to the opening question, ~~xx~~ "Can Mr. Weisberg translate", and that you may find this is a translation, depending on how you chose to read the Luke. If you agree it might be, you can decide whether or not it has meaning, which is unrelated to the question of rationality on the part of the mystery-writer.

We are all greatly indebted to the Senator for his exemplary courage - and imagination - in holding a special meeting of the subcommittee on buildings and grounds, appropriate, in a poetic sense (as in Ecclesiastes), if one considers the structure of society as "buildings".

The other and immediate demands on my time have kept me from following The Pentagon Papers disclosures as closely as I'd like and will. I'm filing everything. To the degree one can from skimming and radio and TV reporting, there is a significant element of which I have long known entirely missing. I think it is really a key. to the degree it has been addressed in what was leaked, it was handled in a self-serving manner by the original-memo authors, to the point of reversal. Perhaps at some point you and I may have free time at the same time and we can go into this. I researched a book on these things in 1965 and haven't had time to write it. I have just begun an abridged version which will ignore all but one aspect of the Viet Nam part, what these new disclosures not rendering not urgent immediately turned over to a younger man for his own continuing research and ultimate writing.

On the basis of what has just come out and perhaps what the Senator knows that hasn't, please ask yourself if you can conceive any kind of possible relationship with the assassinations, especially that of the President, if only philosophical.

Whether or not you do, I suggest that all those who may have to consider the possibility of retaliation might do well to get a rudimentary understanding of what my work has developed, more, much more, than I have published. This includes the official manufacture and the official destruction of evidence. Translation: frame-up. Whether or not you can agree with this translation, I suggest it may have some future value to those who may have to defend themselves from serious charges.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg