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Dear Matt,

You sent me to Richard Sobol, so anything I say to him that he might not like I therefore should communicate to you. Here it is, with a copy of the letter I wrote Alan Helseth at the same time. Had he not strung me along, although I do not know where I'd have looked, I would have triedn, knowing this Bringuier deal was in the works from Canyon (also "regressives"!).

You will learn that on this subject the "good people" are neither "good" not "people". The only ones who ever help ever have helped - are the ordinary human beings. As I long back over a long history, I cannot think of a single professional person who ever extended any meaningful help, aside from an occasional meal, things like that. Can you imagine that on this subject not a single lawyer has given any of us any help of which I know?

At this point I don't give a damn how either of them feels. There is a kind of status in being for the blacks, even for the radicals. On this subject it is just tough, and principles get lost in excuses, particularly by those who have their worthwhile services to other unpopulars to selve themselves with.

I wish you had responded to my inquiry about the other King material for just today I sent the last copy of the COUP D'ETAT manuscript to a former close associate of JFK, who says he'll read it. It would have been good to have had that part written and in. Please do, as soon as you can. If it is on tape or in any other way your only copy, please register or insure.

My female enigma has been silent lately. To a degree I have fostered this by some rather tough letters. However, there have been two surprises. Last night I saw the rabbi here and showed him her Hebraic script. He, to my surprise, told me it was an unusual one, going back to biblical days, is not the script used and taught today. So, she learned it from such a person or has her script added by one of that training. I am inclined to think the writing hers. Also, she once told me that Oswald used to hang out in a poolroom in the 1000 block of Decatur St. Now it was not generally known that he frequented poolhalls. I think I did have a mention of his pool-shooting in the "Marines in Oswald in New Orleans, which she may have read and invented the rest. But I am fascinated, not having checked that out when I was there, to see in the papers that came today of a raid on a pool hall in just that block, a shrewd operation that for some time foiled the fuzz as a cover for gambling.

She did not come up, as she said she was going to, and I did not really expect her. Therefore, among other things, I do not have the copy of what she said she had for me. I do not anticipate initiating further correspondence at this moment. If you get a chance, why not call her and tell her I had once mentioned to her that Oswald had shot pool or hung out there and how in the world did she ever know such a thing? You might begin by inquiring about her college registration. She said she was going to enter LSUNO and had listed my wife and me as her to-be-notifieds. She may tell you what kind of a shark she is, as she did me, but the day we went to see Godfrey Kirkpatrick at Jackson I held a cue stick for the first time since way before she was born (and I never was very good at it), and beat her.

I have no schedule for leaving here any time soon. However, I will be going to California and may, because it costs no more, be stopping off there, if I can, for a little more work. A phone call from Marge the other night told me that Godfrey is confined at the demand of the Secret Service and for the protection of the (unspecified) President, which fits other things very well. Haven't heard from her since. Best to you all, and don't forget the pictures you were going to send me. If you have a spare of your Christmas card, please. If Betsy is back, as her if she can do a few simple things for me. Sincerely,