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Dear Paul,

I presume you are busy with school. This requires no immediate response, because my needs are not immediate.

The Ray deal, which I had sort of feared from the time Foreman got in on it, more at the time of the rumor mix he was taking over the Shaw defense and his contrived response, is too much on my mind to do other work requiring concentration. My initial hunch is that this will be helpful, especially because there seems to be some parallel with Sirhan: open and official elimination of the possibility of conspiracy being aired in a trial.

So, I've been catching up on a little re-filing left over from when I expected to be working in N.O. during the trial, and was preparing for what I had been told to expect, not what eventuated. I came across your letters of February 7 and March 8, 1968, from Bahner. They refer to McGeorge Bundy's memo, of which I'd like a copy. With them I had your letter to me of March 4, 1968. I had completely forgotten it and its contents.

That business of Nat Pinkston, always an interesting figure, being on the 6th floor TBBB "immediately after the assassination" remains fascinating. Have you come across any more on him/it?

I did not recall your interest in CE710. As you know, I do have it, if you recall COUP, and I use it therein. Do you want a copy now?

When I get back to AGENT OSWALD, I'll be exploring that Meack business again. How it is in the dia recesses. My recollection is that an affidavit from him is conspicuously absent. I will also go further with some of the N.O. material in some sense, some perhaps in Agent OSWALD. One likely is Ampelsk. If you hooked onto any of the fish then in your mind, - hope you made a note and can eventually send it to me.

I have been working on the appendix I'd like to include in COUP if I can get it printed. It will include some things not in the text. One is the border - Minutemen threat. I sent one of you copies of those documents some time ago. They deal with a fellow named Shand, a Colonel Rivers, etc. I have also added the Khrushchev - handbill - Minutemen stuff. Things like that, relating to the radical right. If you have any suggestions, I'd appreciate them. Or contributions. I think I sent Hal the Shand stuff. I am pasting this material in place so that when I have all of it together I can go over the text and it and annotate both. And by having the documents mounted I not only know what I have, I also know how much space there is for notes.

You also made reference to Doyle. I spoke to him three different times. Each time he promised to send the film but never did. I wonder why, for he seemed anxious to do it, put out at the FBI's alterations. I'll get around to writing him someday.

Sincerely,

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