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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your kind letter of Dec. 14, I was glad to hear from you. My wife has problems that have existed for a long time, since the death of her grandmother who she was very close to. Usually we can settle things before they get out of hand, the last time was just a little too much. She seems to be ok now, she tends to blow up at intervals. But it really has nothing to do with my research, I don't think. Anyway I'll be spending more time with her when possible. I'll be off for another week over the holidays and would like to hit the Ford library again, but I can't promise this time. I felt badly about the last 2 times saying I was going to go then my wife acts up and I was unable to make it. I explained about her so you would understand why I couldn't go. I've seen a fair number of people express an interest in the assassination, only to be rather shallow people who pay little attention to facts on it, and I don't want to look like these people.

Enclosed is a copy of the reprint Dr. Chapman gave me, from American Opinion mag. I didn't know it was a Birch magazine. There is some material in it on Hugh McDonald and his book. I find it hard to put much credence in McDonald's story, and I've read both his books. I'm always willing to hear reports with an open mind, but his story is rather out of sight. Notice at the end of the article it says that Chapman was interviewed for the Rockefeller Report. He didn't mention that to me when we talked, but he skipped around some, going into European Intelligence operations etc, and was just before he had to leave that I got him on the subjects of the wounds, he didn't get into them very much, just tried to show on his own back where the back wound was. He said it was hard to show on himself, could show it better on someone else. I will meet him again, though I haven't called him since we met. It would also be interesting if he should be friends with Dr. Humes, who is also practicing in the Detroit area.

Am reading a book on the Lindbergh baby, by Theon Wright. PBS had a documentary on it 2 days ago. Interesting example of how govt. framed and destroyed a man who may well have been innocent. I am not that familiar with the case so can't say whether Hauptmann was really innocent, but there sure were a lot of errors (deliberate) in the haste to convict, and an interesting cast of people who were involved in a lot of "coincidences". A trial run for 1963.

Happy holidays and best wishes for 83. Maybe the 20 year mark will bring revelations.

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