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Dear Harold:

I am delighted to see a new book is coming out with more archive material. I am surprised that there was so much nebulous material that wound up in the archives and wonder what good stuff lies buried there, and has been there for the entire time period in question, i.e., from day zero. It would be a good idea to exert political pressure on Sen. Kennedy and other reputable individuals in the Congress. I am a personal friend of Rep. Les Aspin, by the way, and would be delighted to write to him about opening the archives. Public pressure could open up the doors, and settle this matter once and for all.

We are confronted with a strange political situation, in which the very principle of nuclear parity may hang in doubt. The Russians have an anti-I.C.B.M., which ostensibly could knock down any weapon's system that might be launched against it. We assume that Salt I has effectively made that a dead letter, but it is possible that the Soviets have continued to produce the deadly weapons. Actually, if we decided to produce similar weapons we might be behind the Russians, and consequently be out-classed. This weapon is probably as important as the A-bomb and the I.C.B.M. Some nameless Soviet genius has broken the I.Q. barrier, once again. Suppose that Salt II falls through? The end result may be that the Soviets have us at a disadvantage in five years that exceeds anything we ever dreamed of or considered. Only, inspection to insure that the anti-ballistic system is not being produced would be insurance, for the nuclear parity principle to hold up. [By the way, it holds up even if one side has four times more weaponry than the other side.]

And, it was J.F.K. and R.F.K. who were trying to put an end to the arm's business. And they were shot by a large group of people, I suspect, who run the various military industries of the world. Now, these people have not only taken away two of the greatest minds ever produced for politics, they have put our country into the number two position in the world, by failing to develop the anti-ballistic missile. We literally are forced to beg the Russians to do, exactly what J.F.K. and R.F.K. had intended to ask for! So, these senseless murders, financed by a block of money, probably obtained in small chunks and assembled in Europe, carried out by unemployed military agents of various shades and descriptions--mostly in counter-intelligence--and backed by certain anonymous political figures, who had to WIN their elections.

I rest my case. Anything that happens to these people is fully justified. It would be a good lesson for the future, restore faith in our political system and the Presidency, and put an end to one of the more reprehensible political parties in the U.S.A. A political party which has till 1976 to continue in power, and is not likely to have it again for a longer time than they might think.

What we can blame the government for, is the blatant suppression of the facts. We can ask ourselves why L. B. Johnson established the national archives, thus making us face up to another "Lincoln gap" case, and we can answer clearly why Nixon refused to open the archives. We can ask ourselves what connection there is between Watergate-like capers, and associated crimes of silencing witnesses...? There is just too much correspondence here for anyone to seriously doubt any longer the wholesale complicity of the Republican party, penetrated by conservative and right-wing lunatics.

What we are facing is a web of cover-up artists from one end of the country to another. I wrote a very convincing editorial for the Milwaukee Journal about Watergate, and had it rejected. I know of countless such acts. You are no exception. It is time to face up squarely to the Republican menace, to open up the archives no matter what, and to give the truth out once and for all. No more doubts, no more nonsense. Watergate is just the beginning of a whole new attitude--a fighting attitude--of the American people. We must pursue the issue now. No other time seems appropriate. By the time the archives are opened the emotion will be gone.

So, I think we must push ahead. We must find out what people financed the murders. We must insure that no European influence is exerted on our political process. We must seriously ask ourselves what other methods have been used to alter our political history?

I am certainly glad that you are continuing to shed light on the most depressing subject the 20th century has ever witnessed. One other word of wisdom, I think the old O.S.S. people are up to their collective ears in most of this.

Your friend,

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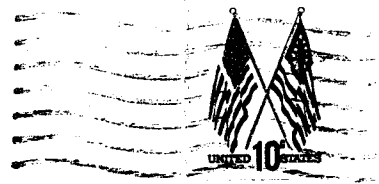
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