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Dear Harold,

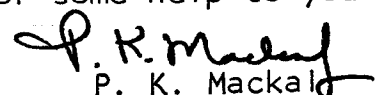
Thank you for the letter of 2/23/68. It was very good to hear that you do plan a speculative book on the assassination which delves into the political side-lines of the consequences of Johnson's rise to power. Or am I ~~am~~ interpreting your title too literally? There has to be some reason for the gov/t's infinite complicity... "National Security" is too vague and the idea that Mr. Kennedy's murder is "top secret" does not wash any longer. The American people want a book which works out the most likely lines of high level gov/t complicity... How high do some of these lines go? And why? Do you have some interesting tidbits on Johnson?

One way to approach the book stylistically would be to stage a kind of trial. A lawyer presenting a case to judge and jury. The author being the lawyer and the readers being judge and jury. We are breathlessly awaiting the completion of this manuscript. May I pledge a copy? I would be glad if you would consider this a very premature order...

I may serve you in any capacity you might hit upon. Without any acknowledgement or remuneration, merely as one of those faceless correspondents... For example if you have a suspect in mind who may or may not be in the chain of command for the assassination I can give you my assessment of his personality. Neurotic, psychotic, or ambivert. I can also give you an estimate as to what the malady might be, the IQ, and the creative potential. And I can translate this into common language about what the person can or cannot be expected to do. This advice would not be of too much value except insofar as it helped to clarify for you personally certain suspicions and eased your pains in acquiring data to fit the scheme. Or the scheme to fit the data... I may also be able to elaborate theories or help in their development provided you would see your way to letting me have some information of recent vintage... I can guarantee silence and discretion on any information you might impart to me.

I understand how brief you must be and I can assure you that I am infinitely suspicious about my own books. I am just as close mouthed, until it is published, of course. It will not reflect on my feeling for you one bit if you decide to maintain your correspondence ~~with~~ me to vague agreement or disagreement on a given point in the assassination theory.

I look forward to any assistance I may be ~~use~~ to you in the completion of your works on the Kennedy assassination. I hope I have succeeded in impressing you with my objectivity and that my future contributions may be of some help to you in this prodigious task.


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