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Dear Shirley,

I have told Sylvia very briefly about the matter of the tape. At the moment, because of other developments, I think silence is best because the mails are not as private as they should be. He is giving more data as he thinks of it and they are trying to locate some things I'd like to have. Right now they are being bugged by an magazine that takes hours of my time by phone, publicizes others, including giving them credit for what they didn't do and I did, and there is little I can do. If they are too annoyed, they may clam. Who could blame them?

I'll probably be in NYC soon in connection with Oswald in N.O. and will see S. The last several times I was there we couldn't get together. One time I went down just to say hello and she was too busy.

It is not a healthy situation when the mails are violated, but they have been and sometimes we must figure they may be. I've been writing Bill letters so elliptical I wonder if he understands.

I had forgotten about accident report (Tip it). I really do not know. I find it hard to believe he was just a cop to be conveniently killed and I'm satisfied Oswald didn't do it. On the weapon, I doubt if they came from IRS when it was readily available and at less than Klein cost in Dallas.

If it is not too much trouble, I'd like NBC ~~THEIR WAS A PRESS. ENGLISH~~ I will be getting back on the M book again. Next is autopsy, partly done. I've written MacNeil. I was almost floored when I saw that in M, it is so harmful to M or NEC. I do not believe it. I haven't found a thing M was right about yet, and this is so exaggeration. I tried to get this book from bookstores and from NBC when I saw the announcement. Can you buy a copy for me and I'll repay you. I'd like to have it to keep.

Was unaware of Alvin Tip it's comment. Where did he make it?

Re:RFK, the fact is distressing for what it means, not that it happened. I think it confirms what I've thought (and said) all along, that RFK took advice from those he trusted. From the moment Garvick began to surface it was clear this was a Sheridan-NBC op. Kennedy is just misinformed by those he has reason to trust, in my opinion. I have written him making offers and no demands. No response. My last told him I thought he may have hurt himself more than he realizes and possibly beyond repair. I think this is true. I also offered him tape of bad dope NBC tried to plant on Garrison through me. Didn't see and would like (to use in M) O'Donnell letters. You know, those pictures M said didn't exist were printed in 1963....Why do you think Batchelor didn't work out? What I'm interested in is anything at all relating to ^{Butler}.

I've just finished the appendix to the NO book. Parallax is doing just text. I may take a whipping but the documents must appear. This time I'll be coming with a 95¢ book with one that I may have to ask \$7.50 for. Should be out in about 3 weeks, which makes me shiver for we're in debt again! The stuff from Mrs. Lovelady at the end of the index of PW is true. Penn has checked it for me. She has a shirt of that description and we have located him in a picture in that shirt. He also has cancer. Best, and thanks,

Harold: Vickie took your tape to the office to wrap, but hasn't had a chance yet. She will definitely get it done by tomorrow. I will not let anyone else hear it, nor will I repeat the information in it to anyone without checking with you. I would like, of course, to discuss it with Sylvia, but will not do so until you express your preference along this line.

Do you think 6.5 came from IRS's ATT division in Dallas (Commerce street vault keeps these weapons up to 10 years, then they are destroyed by fire)? Please tell me if you agree Tippit was on accident report when killed. (See Com. Ex. No. 521 for scene of knocked-down stop sign mentioned by Barnes.)

Do you have or want excerpts from THERE WAS A PRESIDENT? These are NBC tapes and destroy, in my opinion, Manchester's allegation about MacNeil being the "man with the crecut" who allegedly talked to Lee at 12:33 pm (Commission time). This book can be gotten at library but if you do not have time, I can copy for you.

Comment by Allan Tippit that his father wanted to be "more than a policeman" is poignant.

Very distressed by RFK reaction to Sheridan. What do you think? Did you see disgusting O'Donnell (Kenny O'Donnell) letter in Newweek (Time)? What in the name of God can make a man such an apple polisher--to use a polite phrase.

Harold, will send you my ideas on Tippit shooting in more detail after weekend is over.

Much love to you both,
S.

Did I mention that it looks as though King will be Dallas Police Chief soon. Batcheldord didn't work out?