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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your note of the 22d and the good advice. While I generally would prefer to avoid all such involvements in this case there is a special if time-consuming reason for not doing so.

I have not had time to go over the almost 60,000 pages I've received and I do not expect to have time for this in the near future. Notwithstanding this situation I am pressing for the earlier 40,001 pages and have filed complaints to get some of the field office records that have not been released.)

My concern is over what the FBI does with its own distortions and fabrications and permitting these defamations to be spread all over, throughout the bureaucracy to the President himself and in making them available forever in its reading room.

I have samples relating to me and not to me alone. Incredible Nazism!

I'll learn about records on you only as others provide citations and ask for copies or go over the records on their own, here, and find what they call to my attention.

There will be a limited amount of control over this. I will not take time to find, copy and mail records for those I regard as irresponsible.

Only my wife runs the copying machine. In the cases to now I have established a separate file of copies under the name of those who obtained the copies.

The National Enquirer wanted me to go over the records they selected, to see if I could be of help. They found several Sections in which there were references to me. I went over each of those sections. I found but a single and non-defamatory record mentioning you. It is enclosed.

So you should be aware that in connection with its operations against the critics the FBI has generated many false, distorted and defamatory records and that I am entirely unaware of any on you even though I may have them.

We are at the appeals stage in the suit for the remaining ex. sess. transcripts. To now we have been imposed upon by false CIA representations relating to need to protect sources and methods, even Nosenko's life, and the regular "national security" line.

I have gone over the New York piece and believe it will be exceedingly helpful because the same CIA that ordains I may not know what the WC discussed about what Nosenko said about Oswald and the assassination because even letting these words be known could get the JGB to kill him is also the same CIA that sent Nosenko to Epstein(ger) as well as Barron before him.

You may see or hear what I do not either see or hear. I hope to be able to get all the New York articles. (I do not know if it is sold locally.) I'll for sure go over RD. But if you come across anything that could establish a case against the CIA in this and other litigation or against Epstein as serving their interests I'd appreciate it as rapidly as possible so we can use it in court. Fortunately I was precise and accurate in my forecast of the Epstein and as a general statement it was already before the court.

Also, it is not impossible that I may receive a major audience for TV response, so I'd like to be as informed as possible.

I've had to abandon all magazine subscriptions. No time to read them.

Best wishes and the hope that you are well,

22 February 1978

Dear Harold,

I am grateful for your letter of 3 February. It was really good to hear from you.

My typewriter is away on loan to a friend, so please forgive the brevity of this handwritten note.

First, I should like to say that I hope you will avoid involvement with Grady's. My experience with him, years ago and more recently,

has been very unpleasant. He has a filthy tongue in his head and other qualities which I can only deplore.

If you run into anything on me, I wish to leave it to your judgment to decide whether anything needs to be done. I know the FBI has a thick file on me for the early 1950s, when they were involved in "loyalty" checks on UN staff members. But do not take any unnecessary pains — I know how precious your time is and I don't want to burden you. Warm affection,
John