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Dear Gris,

Your letter of the 19th, which came this morning, displays an insight and understanding I rarely get. It pleases me so much I drop everything for this response. I do try and fit all of this awful business into what I (and I see you) regard as the proper perspective. Without doing that I fail, as all others have in this respect. None of this can be isolated in a single test tube or called a single element.

Over the years I have had to rethink my role, or at least this role as I should try to fill it. Because I know there will be no voluntary, commercial printing of my work I have decided to round it out as much as I can, to weave all the threads in. This makes for commercial unacceptability, a certain diffuseness, and rather large works. But at least, as you understand, I will make and if need be leave a record.

You have two of the three parts of a trilogy. The other is researched, as I develop still new and still more exciting materials. Collectively, these three will also be a large work, with an enormous appendix. I hope you realize I project including every document cited in this appendix. And by far the saddest, the worst part, you have not yet seen.

Perhaps, however, you see some of my reasons for insisting on absolute confidentiality. There is so much that can be misused so easily, for one thing.

When you will be able to read COUP D'ETAT without unusual delay, let me know and I'll send that. It is over a third of a million words without the appendix, about 100 pages of which I have been able to incorporate. It is also more polemical, more diffuse. Yet I think it has unity. It is two books in one. Parts are harder to read because the only xerox I had available was not functioning properly. But, I have to get this done when I can without having to pay for it because I just cannot pay. I am, therefore, grateful for what I can get done.

Recently, because of the great weight of so many problems, emotional, physical and financial, I suppose I have begun to feel a mite of the despair and hopelessness of which you write. However, if I do, they do not keep me from working.

I have arranged for copies out of my possession, with trusted friends.

Best regards to you all.

Sincerely,

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
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Dear Hal:

Thanks for sending the copies of your books. I mailed them back today. They are as they should be, and the editing and reduction in size will be done by history. You are preserving the material that history will edit in its own due time, and your expressions of outrage may sound more valid on hindsight than it does to many people insensitive to what has happened to the intellectual world of our times. To me the greatest value of reading these books is to see the widespread affliction of people who should have stood up and resisted the imposition of authority. I've known it before, but the continual documentation of it is needed for one to really appreciate the state of the nation. If I didn't have a deeper insight into history I'd feel despair and sheer hopelessness. These things are evidence that an old order is ready to be swept away, and it is my concern to work to have a new order ready for its time.

I hope you are being careful that copies of the book will be immune from destruction and obliteration.

Best wishes,

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It occurred to me that perhaps the reason for the observation of no bullet fragments on the left half of the brain was that the brain had been blown out. The ten centimeters above the the rear protuberance is quite a find. It invalidates Thompson's argument ~~about~~ as well as the finding of fragments in the back -- though that case is invalidated in so many other ways that it is not worth mentioning. The "off the record" discussion of the Warren Commission staff about the piece of skull found to the left of the President is also particularly noteworthy to me.