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PH,RR,JP,

Again the indignation the cool intellectual mind comes to resent in my letters is producing results, the meaning of which I can not yet in a position to really assess. To use the terms the "diplomats" have found suits, I have only "signals", but they are clear. Both the cause (and I am not saying I or I alone caused it) and intent are not. However, for what it is worth, I think something new may impend.

You realize that the "Lattimer things" was totally and completely unnecessary, but it was done.

One of the things I have been trying to get for years is not under "review" and re-examination. The only assumption I can make is that this is being done for a Lattimer-like treatment, where it will be given either exclusively or under such circumstances as to make it an exclusive to another, who is predisposed to interpret it the way the government wants.

If this happens, I will then have to consider whether more still will be pulled, and if so, for what purpose or purposes.

It is not by accident that I am providing no details, nor by accident that I am not informing more people. I just am not going to waste the kind of time I have wasted in the past with fairies-and-needles stuff, with trying to inform and persuade those who are latched to the past, in some cases much to the detriment of the few of us doing real work today, for there are some who could do the best work and just can't, the conditions of their lives making it impossible.

Should this happen, should I be right, the record shows that aside from a possible rush to get something published where it can and will do no good, there is nothing anyone else will do to combat or offset or convert this, whatever and if ever it is. We are so far past the point where any such minor publication can serve any useful purpose, I will not do anything to encourage it or even make it possible, for the net is counterproductivity. It is not that I am against any kind of publication. For example, I regard the JP study on the NYTimes as very worthwhile, even if he never gets it published. I am seeing a reporter tomorrow (not on JFK) and I have an appointment coming up with others on JFK, but not for a news story. It is understood in advance that there is to be no news story on what we will discuss and they will see.

If any of you detects anything that can, by any stretch of an active imagination, be interpreted as such a "signal", I would welcome it and it may, perhaps, be of importance for me to know it, whether or not it means anything to you. The thing to look for is any kind of change in anything, whatever the area and from whatever source, including the Archives.

On the Archives, I do have a letter from Vawter today in presumed answer to the one I sent him and sent you copies. It is no better than the effort to make a self-serving record. When I answer it I will send you copies. The things to which he does not respond are interesting. Unfortunately, it is still unwise for me to try and use packed files, so my answer will have to be largely generalities.

Best,