

2/25/78

Dear Paul,

Your 2/21 w. enclosures in today's mail with Marion Johnson's REFERENCE REPORT notice of JFK records made available in 1977. There is no point in all of us spending 20¢ a page for them. If you have gotten them, I'd appreciate copies. If you want me to get them and distribute copies, let me know. However I get them I'll give copies to Jim (who is away until the 5th) and Howard.

I respond in haste on the chance there will be someone here who can mail this in town and save two days.

Jim has sent me a copy of the New York Epsteink. When Lil runs the copying machine again I'll have one for you in case you did not get it. If you did and would care to mark it up, assuming you have not already made notes on it, I'd like to have indications of anything you see. I may be asked about him and the book or the condensation which is due about now.

I'd like all the Ruby records you received, bottom of your list, 413-25.

You are correct - no restriction unless I ask it. I anticipate little of this now. I do remain concerned about some of the stuff of the critics. What I've seen on me ranges from vicious fabrication to the deliberately distorted. No single faithful representation. So I assume that with others, even with Lane, who is hard to defame, there will be infidelity and I would not want to spread that.

If you can obtain even the citations of the stuff in the AIB newsletter, from the second batch I can provide copies. I do not have the first. Or I can ask the FBI.

Jim has filed a superb Reply Brief in the ex.sess. appeal. As this goes ahead the Epsteink will be helpful, we are both sure.

I am inclined to believe that Walters began with a fairly accurate account and I am convinced there should have been some kind of Airtel or TT on what I know about. The problem is that Lane and Harrison combined to add their unique genius to fact.

But all the Lane possibilities you hold out are true of him.

I do not know the details of his break with the assassins committee. My own belief is that once he ambulance chased himself into the Ray case and they had Ray do the wrong thing he has worries and this is one of the means by which he can hope to deter the kind of retaliation of which the Rays are capable. Jimmy does have a case against Mark. If Mark did not have a break he'd be hung on their report. As it is he will dangle from their ready disproof of his fiction relating to Reditt - who was no more and no better than a spy, his actual assignment. They will state this in their report, believe me. Lane has him as a hero. Sold the Rays on it, too.

Thanks,

February 21, 1978

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of the 10th, and the enclosed Post clip.

I'm a bit exasperated too, since I have not seen quite a few of the documents cited in the AIB newsletter, which you asked about. In fact, I think I don't have any of the items you asked about. Sorry.

Thanks for the interesting packet of documents. I've given them PLH # ~~39~~ 389-411. (List enclosed.) I ~~xxx~~ trust that if you want to send me any documents which are not to be further distributed, you will specify ~~xxx~~ to ~~me~~ ~~xx~~ that they are restricted.

Also enclosed are my notes on the HSC report, and on the ~~gi~~ Gale memo.

I just got your mailing of 2/17; thanks. I'll reply in detail soon. (I'm rather busy, since we are getting ready to move to another Berkeley address.)

Offhand, I'm pretty sure I've never ~~xxxx~~ the alleged 11/17/63 Walters telex ~~xxxx~~ (published in the Free Press), which you asked for. I don't trust Walters or Lane at all on any of this. I found it very typical of Lane that the Freep talked of how the Walters stuff was brought to Schweiker's attention, and that Schweiker later called for a full ~~xxxx~~ investigation, without ~~xxxxxx~~ mentioning that (as far as I recall) Schweiker never ~~xxxx~~ bought the Walters story. (Neither, thank goodness, did Edwards or anyone else.) Lane is really appalling. In his Mexico piece, either he is ~~xxx~~ being Machiavellian and intellectually dishonest, or he just doesn't understand the evidence. Or both. His break with the HSC is one of the ~~xxxx~~ signs that they may be culling out the junk.

Enclosed is the Gauthier memo Lane quoted (and you asked for) - 62-109060-2366.

With best regards,

*Paul*

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