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Dear Jon,

Your letter of the 6th reports you've had trouble reaching me, says you may call tomorrow, I'll be away until evening tomorrow, so this hasty note in response and comment on your release for today.

In spirit it is faithful and accurate. In minor detail it has inaccuracies that do not address the substance. Example: there never really was a transcript of the session at which Russell was cowed. My giving him the fake transcript and asking a further check for him, on the possibility that both the fake and a real transcript existed, is what reached him fully. He was shocked enough at the fake. He didn't know about either the fake or the non-existence until my contact with him.

The other area of his doubt was ballistics. He did not believe one man was capable of that shooting with that rifle and he was, of course, correct.

On calling me, this is the time of the year I can give you a schedule that can save you money.

Our only regular income is my wife's. She works two days a week most of the year, full days five days a week at the Block office she manages from the first of the year until April 16. For the few remaining weeks of this year she will answer the phone if I am not home ~~Monday through Friday except during normal working hours on~~ Fridays and Monday the 16th. (She work the other Mondays and is scheduled to work each Friday.) However, beginning the first of the year, the only time she will answer in my absence is weekends. Infrequently I am away evenings and she is not. So, during the normal working day here, beginning the first, it is safe to make a station call. Her hours vary with the volume of work, but I'm generally home by 9:30 a.m. during the tax season. I can be delayed evenings if her relief has not come on time or she has a client with whom she has to work overtime.

As I've already indicated, the station reaction to your first story was fantastic. While it translated into very few sales, I nonetheless welcome it because it provides an opportunity for reaching people if not for paying the printer and with all the disinformation that is reaching them I believe it is important for them to be spoken to rationally. The frightening reality is that responsible people have no way of discriminating.

Among the consequences of all the irrational garbage that is also so exciting, aside from misinforming the people, is the inevitability that no matter how shocking the truth is it is pale by comparison and unheeded.

When that crap passes through a sophisticated editor's hands a couple of times he automatically throws everything on the subject in the wastebasket. Thus it is entirely immaterial if a Skolnick or the entire Boston crew work for the spooks for pay or not. "obody can do spook work more effectively.

Anyway, again thanks and again give my number if you think it will do any good for any of your clients to phone.

Meanwhile, please if there is a next time do not forget the "where" of those traditional 5 "Ws" so people can order the book. All the straight AM stations are doing that and giving the price, which accounts for most sales to date and eliminates letter-writing for the audience and for me. I get checks and a note and I send books out and it is done.

Best regards,