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Dear John,

While it is not my purpose in writing, each time I've laid your book down I thought I should write and convey my profound respect for what you have done in your book. I've now been able to read only the first eight chapters, a little at a time. Aside from its importance, which I think cannot be exaggerated, it reflects I think the best I can remember anyone doing with such a mass of material most of which was overlooked or missed by so many others. And without being fair, seeking to protect no one. It is the greatest historical importance, too. I hope that those of real influence who have so long a record of ignoring what they should not ignore pay attention to it!

As I may have told you, I believe that in October, 1962, JFK learned that he could not trust his advisers. You made it clear that he learned that much earlier. Perhaps that earlier learning contributed to the avoidance of the most terrible of possible tragedies!

What an awful, a frightening thing that a President can be so alone! As JFK was!

My thanks and my respect. It is a remarkable achievement!

I am returning to Hoax, retitled by the publisher Case Opened. I have the retyped rough draft to read, a preface and conclusions to write, and some additions for which I made a file. I refer to Oswald's clearance for several reasons. I would like very much to add at that point what you told me about the CIA records you found and that he had been interviewed by it. The three components that had that early interest in him and that the duties of each of those components was. So I ask if you will be kind enough to let me have that in a simple form that I can add and if you don't I'd like to credit it to your work, for which I'd like to know, unless you object, a little more than Morley used. Unless you believe that is all you'd like.

I made a few notes for when you would be here again. Here they are.

Conyers did have a bad experience with some radical blacks who spouted off their propaganda rather than facts. A black who was there and was aghast told me about it. He also said that Conyers then was visibly disappointed.

In telling you that my contemporaneous analysis was that when Khrushchev put those missiles in Cuba without the intent to use them I forgot to say that I also believe the record indicates that he had his next steps figured out and ready. He wasted no time with his second proposal, one he should have been certain would not be accepted, and he made it public immediately.

If you have not read Hearms' HSCA testimony I suggest you do. I have it if you do not and I think a sound tape of it, which reflects his voice and with that his attitude.

All those Oswald tapes were not destroyed immediately. At least one was flown to

Dallas by Assistant Legat ^{Eldon} Rudd, in a Navy plane, getting to Love field a little after midnight. My entire subject file of duplicates ^{was} ~~were~~ missing after Posner left and I do not know of anyone who had any interest in them before he was here. I have a student who helps me once in a while and if this and what else I tell you about it can be of value to you when she is here again I can ask her to do the searching to locate my originals. After listening to the tape Dallas sent a cable or teletype to HQ. It ordered a transcript. It was made and sent the same way. All after midnight the first day. While just about all of this was withheld as b1, the records do reflect that they had that tape and this interest in it. Perhaps it can help in getting those and related records.

In Phillips' suit against Don Freed he was deposed. I think he said there were six ^{transcribed} ~~tapes~~ and indicated what can be interpreted as a live source in the Cuban embassy.

If you want to get in touch with Lonnie Hudkins at the Buffalo Evening News his 800 number is 777-8680. He lives in Franklinville at 5 Chestnut Street, 14737. 716/676-5739. As of my last info he worked Tuesdays through Saturday beginning about 7 p.m. If you want to talk to him and would like me to speak to him first, let me know.

Now you can see why my Posner book draft had to be retyped before editing!

Thanks and our best to you both,

Harold