

Dear Hank,

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No less than establishing Hunt and Sturgis as among the countless assassins of JFK, those so-called tramp pictures prove the CIA invented the wheel, discovered sex, and are really those who should receive credit for letting us know the world is not flat.

If Larry didn't give you the scoop he was afraid of embarrassing you.

Gregory is great, but with a limitless capacity for trusting the wrong people, and long after he should have known better. Grodin is as sincere and dedicated as a man can be. His optics work is magnificent. But he is now off on an ego trip, he knows nothing really about the assassination except some of what he has read, and collectively they have negated the good that was possible with the repeated public showing of an excellent job with the Zapruder film.

Transcripts of the insanities they have been gushing will be taken all around Capitol Hill now by the spooks who will complain, seemingly with complete justification, "You see, we are blamed even for Original Sin!"

I hope you will take my word for it because I do not have time for long explanations.

My concern is not with Gregory or Grodin, or with their terrible judgement in this instance. Rather it is with those around them egging them on and making the more extreme statements. I avoid names because I do not want to influence you. But I would very much appreciate anything no matter how slight that you see on this. One who was with them and became alarmed told me that they took their road show back to Chicago for yesterday, Friday. So, there may be more press and you may have some of the past. At some point it can become important. One of these characters was involved with spooks against Garrison's interest and warned still another spook, since exposed, of my suspicions.

Please do not confuse glitter for gold and please do keep me as fully informed as you can because at some point we may have to try to undo all of this and it may then be important to know what besides uncontrolled emotion and desire and not a little irresponsibility lies behind these excesses.

If you taped any of the appearances, I'd welcome dubs and would take time to listen to them.

The timing may be no more than coincidence but let us not overlook the fact that these provably wrong anti-CIA charges come at just the time it is under serious attack, just when it needs sympathy, and as a department of Disinformation project, whether or not it is, serves exactly the same purposes as a black book like Farewell America. If you didn't know, it is a spook fake, at least the French CIA, SDECE, and I suspect ours.

What a coup/tragedy it would be to misuse Gregory in it! If it were an official D.D. project. If unofficial, it serves the same purpose today.

In what I've seen the evidence of the film was almost completely lost. Even the D.C. station that had the courage to air the film after warning it would be sued got turned off by the absolute insanity that was pulled live. I saw the show and I have a good friend there who was all for them and instrumental in airing them.

Can you imagine how management of that station will react next time they are approached? This is the first time in 10 years they've screwed up enough courage. Without Gregory they would not have given it a second thought.

This is also the painful history of the past decade, the destruction of all credibility from the excesses of those who have never done any real work and don't often care how falsely they speak if they can make points against government. This helps evil in government, alas. And rips off peoples' minds.

Thanks and best,

Dear Friend--

Just was with Gregory at his press conference and saw those films...absolute dynamite!

He has been getting a very good play in the papers and electronic media.

Larry Finley sends his regards.

Love and peace of mind...

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