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Dear Bud:

I still haven't been able to get a hold of Boggs to find out if I am one of his cases. I gather, just as we were talking, Dick Gregory was starting his campaign. I haven't heard anything further from the Boston people so I don't know what they are going to do beyond this. One of the strange matters about the whole business concerns Mr. Oglesby. Since you are probably not an expert on left-wing politics, you may not know the background of Oglesby's affairs. He was the head of SDS. In an article he wrote in the middle of August 1968 in New Left Notes he described how he met with a group called Business International which wanted to hire SDS to start a riot at the Chicago convention (this was published prior to the convention). The article indicates that SDS, after discussing the matter, decided to turn down the offer.

A former student of mine ^{who} was the secretary of SDS pointed out to me which I didn't realize when I read the article, that Oglesby's theory about the Yankees and the Cowboys which became the theory of the New York Review of Books was presented to Oglesby by the Business International people. He adopted it from them and is still pushing it. My former student who was at the Boston meeting tells me that Oglesby is still in contact with these people and that they seem to be behind his pushing to make a political movement around the Kennedy assassination. It seems like a strange thing to make a political movement out of at the moment so I am not sure what Oglesby's point is.

You will also be happy to know that Sherman Skolnick thinks Oglesby is a CIA agent and that Mark Lane is. Just before I left the Boston meeting, Skolnick got a hold of me and was working on a new conspiracy theory. He claims that at the Georgetown meeting when we were having a party at your house, he and others watched Groden's presentation of the Zapruder pictures and that they were quite different from what Gregory is now saying so I am sure Skolnick will be making some extreme charges too, soon.

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In view of all this, I don't know what we should do in relation to the Senate and House investigations. If Representative Harrington is put on the House Committee, Peter Scott is quite close to him and could possibly meet with him and discuss the whole business.

One further element is that Groden will probably try to make himself an Ellsberg case as soon as he is asked where he got his copy of the pictures. This would create more publicity for the pictures.

I will let you know if anything further happens and if I find out anything from Boggs.

Yours very truly



Richard H. Popkin

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- P. S. Could you get me the address and/or phone number of Jeb Magruder?
He lives somewhere in the Washington area.