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Dear Orestes,

I did not forget. I have been waiting to hear from my contact on the Church committee, I have been concerned by the delays in its original work because they were forced by Ford to go into foreign political assassinations, and I have been waiting to see safe political signs on this subject. To date, so far as the entire committee is concerned, I do not see these signs.

It is because it became necessary to complete the report on the foreign assassinations as fast as possible that all the work has been to this end. There have been nuts of various kinds going to the committee staff and being seen on the JFK assassination but they have accomplished nothing and may have done harm, making all seem as nutty as they are.

You will know when this first part is completed from the newspapers and TV. It will be when the first report is handed in.

I will be meeting the man of whom I spoke sometime after Labor Day. I received a message from him today. Until then he has to be out of town. At that time, if it looks good otherwise, I'll ask him about you. My present feeling is that you should sit back and wait until there is reason to believe that you will not get caught in the middle again. This is a political situation that remains unclear.

Let me give you an example from my recent personal experience. I was suing the FBI. It committed perjury. This is a felony, a serious crime. It did this more than once and I proved it under oath so that if I lied they could prosecute me. They did not. And what did the judge do? He ignored this proof and then he said we could be sued personally for making such charges if we made them outside of court. My friend and lawyer Jim, who is a man, said we were ready to walk outside the courtroom that very minute and repeat these charges. The judge backed off on this but he still refused to do anything about the FBI swearing falsely. In fact, he rewarded them.

So, please be patient. I will not forget. But I also will not forget that you are my friend, which means I must also have your personal interest in mind. Right now the only safe thing is to wait and see.

Best regards,