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Dear Les,

When I last wrote you I referred to the fact that the time we'd talked before then you told me you only then ~~were~~ were aware of my JFK assassination work.

That means, of course, that you also know nothing at all about the nature, content or thrust of that work.

I'm not trying to sell you anything and I'm not asking anything of you, so I limit myself to the thrust. It is that in that time of great risk and ever since then all the institutions of our society ~~of~~ failed and persist in failing. Most of all the major media. The media misled the people more than in Hitler's Germany or Stalin's USSR because in those societies the people knew their press was controlled. The all-encompassing sieg heil! media attitude and record here is that even when kicking and screaming as it did, I made the corrupt system work, was Andy Jackson's one determined man who became a majority, <sup>Teddy Kennedy was</sup> and the one person in the Congress who saw to it that the legislative history was specific on it and the Congress amended FOIA's investigatory files exemption <sup>because of me</sup> in 1974, not a single paper reported it. It was referred to later by a judge who held for me and it is in the Congressional Record. But The Establishment itself was so much dominated by its own taboo or its backs were so imbued with this shibboleth they could not even see a chance to ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> that their corrupt system did work, that one person can make it work.

What made me turn to farming when I did was my desire not to live a dishonest life. It was a great risk and I doubt I'd have taken it if I had had children to raise and keep. ~~My~~ by then successful and somewhat famous operation was ruined by low-flying military helicopters. But again I did not give in. I sued the bastards, beat them with a lawyer who did not even prepare the case, established a new <sup>(also not newsworthy)</sup> principle of law of the property-owner's ownership of his air space to the ~~due~~ degree required to enjoy his Constitutional right to own and enjoy property, and it is the settlement of the second such suit that got me out of debt. Not profit from my writing, which could find no publisher. <sup>N</sup> Naturally. It was and remains the basic work in the field. So, it also is only natural that it is not and never was of any interest to the media, the subjects are that trivial to it now.

What I wrote you about what your Jack Sirica wrote, and I do not remember what I wrote clearly, was, I am confident, enormously understated. His tongue never got back into his mouth and he reflected less judgement than would be expected of a high-school journalist. I did not as I recall tell you that I also wrote your Pulitzer Sloyan. ~~He~~ did not have to respond and he didn't. I think Newsday syndicated his ask-kissing.

I'm sorry that you, too, had no interest in retracting Newsday's tongue. I did tell you of the opportunity that was coming and since then has. It has come to where when there is no need, in its terms, the media insists on continue to fail to meet its responsibilities even to itself. Seemingly, it years <sup>N</sup> not to.

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