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Dear Paul,

Many thanks for the clippings, I think four envelopes since I last wrote.

They are helpful. They do include what is not in the papers around here. And the Dallas reporting has improved much - if some stories do not ask obvious questions.

The Babushka lady bit is too much. She did everything except sex with JFK while he was getting shot. I think you have probably spotted enough wrong with that tale. It is clearly from the Gary Shaw nonsense.

The same tale, not about the film, was fed to me first in 1968 and then in 1969 by one Harry McBurney, probably the Source McDee in the committee's supposed secrets as disclosed by the transcript of its executive session. He had an address with a Philadelphia lawyer and said he lived at Cherry Hill, N.J. Claimed to be both married and living with a whore he described as an expert. Gave her name as GeeGee (G.G.) Shufer, aka Palomino or Cochise. (She is not in Archives records.)

I've never met Lester Logue. Nor spoken to him. But I know the origin of the story that weird Dutchman is paddling and it is not identical now with what I was told by Loren Hall in 2/68. I'm not sure that Harry Howard spoke of this but I think he did. Later Hall sold the tale to one of the scandal sheets, I think the Enquirer. I wondered then why Logue didn't sue. It would be a job to find those tapes now but these interviews were taped in the open, with assent. Hall is a pathological liar.

Yet I wonder why he hasn't sued when he has been headlined as the assassin himself, in I think the Tatler.

Where it has any relevance none of what is coming from the committee is knew. Most is not relevant. Makes me feel sorry that with all that money and all those supposed professionals they have not come up with a single thing in six months. Also makes me feel good that they have not yet begun to be picking up after me.

What dealings I've had with them have all been disappointing at best, more often disgusting. Utterly irresponsible when they reach their best.

If I didn't tell you we've deposed Frazier, Cunningham, Shaneyfelt and Gallagher in one of my FOIA suits. With all the experience I've had going over the work of these men it was still incredible that they could be as they are: liars, stonewallers, evasive and in several cases really indecent. They also are well-trained in not giving evidence, in deceiving and misrepresenting and quite obviously are not concerned about swearing falsely. Not only is this because they know they are protected - I think it comes from a lifetime of practise. Terrible situation. I wonder if the Bureau will ever purge itself of these types.

I've just heard that Penn Jones did a California talk show in which even he said this new committee is hopelessly bad. When they are too bad for the wildest of the so-called critics that is pretty bad.

Many thanks and best wishes,