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Dear Paul,

*Rothermel*

Thanks for your letter of the 14th, which came yesterday, and the enclosures.

I hope you do understand the matters we discussed by phone after I wrote you better than you did. I wait hearing further on this. I'd rather not feed you leads or influence your thinking. However, I do not think it would be wrong to suggest an alternative, people to whom you may have spoken, in person or by phone.

By "alternative" I do not mean an exclusive substitution for anything that may suggest itself to you. Rather in possible addition to.

I'm surprised both your California sources struck out on McDonald. He is rather well known there. He was a division chief in a rather large sheriff's office and is now security director of Hollywood Park racetrack.

The clippings are quite interesting. Thanks.

Hirschkop is an able lawyer. He may be on a fishing expedition but he has hit pay dirt, as you should realize. There are such files and I have a couple of samples.

As you should also remember, there are FBI files he could go for.

What he has, I think, is a formula by which the government can throw the case a la Ellsberg by withholding if other improprieties do not lead to a decision he wants.

I'll be interested in whether the grand jury issues any indictments. There is one I believe more than just deserved.

He is a monster who assures justice can't be done and, I think, gets his kicks out of just hurting people.

Best regards,

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Dear Harold:

The Hunt's have filed a motion to produce all CIA data about themselves and all members of their family as a pretrial motion to suppress.

I hope I understand a little more fully the matters we discussed on the phone and about your letter.

I regret that both my California sources struck out on McDonald.

I enclose a local article and will try to keep you posted.

Best regards,

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