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Dear Gary,

One of the moments I've looked forward to lately has just passed. I've finished the additions to COUP. Lil has most of them typed and will have them finished before I leave Monday.

Much of what you suggested I add in the last chapter I find I had already added earlier to preceding chapters. That is not now in the book is out for a reason: I want to use it in Oswald Agent, including, particularly, the ExSess stuff. So, I'm saving the note you made to be certain I forget none of it there.

The book has grown! Lil says it is now a large one. I had other things I thought of in file folders to add but changed my mind. I also did add much, particularly on Brown, the NGRP and Miltner, and on Penabaz. I added a bit on Bolden, Vallee, Sirhan, much on Ray and the False Ray. I am too close to judge and too harried at the moment to try and separate myself far enough to try. My impression is that it is a better book than it was, could be much better but is still a very good one.

Matt never did send his notes. I doubt if I'd add them now. He did give me an okay to use the tapes, subject to editing and his approval thereof. However, I used only a brief paraphrase of those who overheard, so there would be no chance of identifying them, and the entire Kyle tape, untouched, because it is a warm personal thing that does not endanger him and does have a good eyewitness account of the fatal wound-dumdam. I think blacks will like the book even more. Not "like"!

Time passes, we keep busy, get on other things, and may forget. Before that, I wanted you to know why all the things you suggested for the last chapter are not in it. They are either elsewhere or in reserve.

Now I must start getting ready for the trip. I have only a day, which is not enough for selecting material alone, and I have other things to do.

Kelley confirms SS interest in Godfrey, but is evasive and indirect. He answered the letter I cannot find.

Hope you are picking up some.

Best from us both,