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Dear Vacationing Gary,

I'm sure you have copies of my disputes with Paul Hoch over his melonry. I'll correct this, not x it out!

What I then called melonry.

Alvarez, you may recall, was going to publish in a physics magazine that long ago.

I asked for the same time and space and lo! he did not publish.

Until the issue of 9/76. I received a copy in today's mail. It is not impossible that the person who sent me a copy received it from Paul. If he had had it earlier I think I'd have known.

Well, it now turns out that in this, styled a study of the Zapruder film (described as the only JFK assassination film) Alvarez had ERDA support. He says it.

It happens ERDA did not exist until after Jim started the steps for renewing my expanded spectro suit - in which ERDA is a defendant. In a less than full check of the file it appears that in the middle of 10/74/74 there was no ERDA. It was still part of AEC.

It would appear to be no better if Alvarez, in saying ERDA, meant AEC. In this piece he switches ground a little. He says that he had thought he was the first to observe these things in the Zapruder film but he has since learned that I had in Whitewash.

(Then he ventures into bullshit.)

I can understand that Hoch is unhappy with me. The more correct I was the more unhappy I can see him as being.

What troubles me, and the reason I write in addition to informing you, is that he has not had a word about any of this to say to Jim, even more when he does know that Jim represents me in a suit in which ERDA is a defendant.

If you have not read this piece then I tell you that Alvarez does not write what so many years ago Paul wrote me, Paul's claim to total independence.

Alvarez puts it that Olson was his friend, too.

Last October, when I first met with Committee Sprague, I recommended Paul for his research staff without being ask. But I did also recommend that he be limited to research, that he provide no interpretations. Melonry is part of what I had in mind then.

That Paul was a) part of what was officially funded and is a miserable disinformation and b) kept all of this secret does bother me.

If you can reduce this uneasy feeling I'd welcome it.

Best,