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Dear Larry,

I've begun to listen to the Skolnick tapes. Boy does the beginning of his spiel sound familiar. It seems like someone let him have access to my COUP D'ETAT! He opens, after the station's opening crap, with what it says. What he and the announcer say of the 75 years is crap. Tape quality very poor...I'll listen to as much as I can take at a time and while I'll sleep off a bad headache...Presume date 11/22/71. What is station, so I can identify cassettes...By now Skolnick's "my friend"... Interesting that he attributes Cicero to Garrison. I thought... scholarly... Let the truth be told, etc. ...He has just said that "recently" something came out that Warren had a wire-service deal that for a period of at least a year none of the w/s' would run anything adverse to the Report. Do you know what he is talking about, do you know whatever he has distrusted, if this is based on anything?...It is fiction that the Kennedy family knew or suspected otherwise... Bay of Pigs "just prior to the assassination"? He can say anything. Also fictitious that the sending of CIA was because of this. FYI, Bargboorn case...While he is blaming bombings of the various gov't bldgs on the CIA (did he never hear of FBI?) let me tell you that I phoned last night to give you a lead on Kleindienst/ITT case that could break it sensationally. I spoke to I think Schulman and left word for Bob thru national desk. I have heard nothing from Bob or any other to now, 2:15 p.m. my time. Larry, this is the classic mistake they have made in their desperation, and it would appear that nobody in the press, including Anderson, remembers his Purloined Letter. They all miss the obvious. After you get this if your NYC gal would be interested, there is a way of approaching it there if she has the "balls", interviews Lattimer first, and would not be opposed by her desk. But it would be better in DC. Just heard WBBM-FM, so don't bother with station. And I now notice pencilled note on 1st side of cassette. Sorry... "The CIA involvement was that this was a well-planned thing". Wow!...He does say he is sole distributor in US of Parowell Amer. ...If he sends for contributions only, he can't have paid for them...Man, even for Sk this is sick stuff! Oswald left Russia "Almost at a moment's notice"? That is an odd description of months and months of effort. End first side: He had no security clearance for Dallas job. ...By now LHO was counter-intelligence, with security clearance high as President... That alleged phone call from jail was reverse to him from a sick man and the slip was thrown away and then taken from wastebasket by second operator as souvenir. He doesn't trouble to distinguish between army and CIA, which is the easy way...The "boss" had been out of Army and in a variety of hospitals for many years...No wonder no commercial in entire first hour!...The more I listen to his illness the more I wonder why either of two groups don't do what can so easily be done to this poor wretch: shit him up, I mean those of decent and sincere concern, whose efforts at cleaning up he can't but hurt; and the many he libels and makes not think are something they are not. Unless he is being used... That "at the last moment Kennedy refused to send in the B-26 bombers" will be news to those who expected him to send them in at the beginning of the Bay Pigs, when he refused, and those who sent them at the wrong time when, at the very end, he authorized not B26s but Navy planes. ...Senator Saltonstall is a member of the "CIA Committee"? How long ago was his term? Brooks and Kennedy are and have been the base Senators. Wierd no questions. How the stations don't worry about libel, at this point on the RFK security guards, baffles me. ... If I understood it correctly he said "his" 11 documents were stolen from the Archives. Hell, I did pay for them! Odd way of talking of his own theft of the copyrighted. Is sickness enough description?...That's a beautiful "technicality", his failure to ask the Archives for those docs, which I knew from the Archives-he'd never asked for anything - thus his conclusion that they were not to be released until the next century. I thought he was a legal researcher. Application, not unreasonably, is the first step...God! Does Groth have an action against BBI? He is also an assassin of JFK? And the conspiracy involves your paper?... I never heard from Ottinger...I dozed off and slept through the last part of the third side, which is perhaps as fine a thing as I can say for Sherman. Many thanks, Larry. Good to keep up with rabies and the rabid! Best LW