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Dear Howard,

As I grow more feeble, with my skin so friable from the medication that keeps me alive (half a circle of two inches peeled back when an arm brushed against the doorknob of my office when I was a bit unsteady several weeks ago) I have somehow also become more productive, ^{from time to time} and, until I tire, I am writing as rapidly as ever. In about four ^{months} weeks I complete the draft of a book now being re-edited for publication. I've another mostly drafted. ^{at least 250,000 words} When I began ^{the second book} I did the first 80,000 words in two weeks! But when I went to the basement yesterday to get a box of file folders, 100 folders, coming up the stairs with it, even as slowly as I did, was a bit too much. That is what leads me to write you, to see, if I cannot find it, ^{if} you can locate a letter you once wrote me.

The book being edited, and I'm saying nothing about it not to have all the nuts phone and write me, is titled NEVER AGAIN! The Government's JFK Assassination Conspiracy. ^{The} book proves that there was a conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself, with documents. It also makes a prima facie case, again with new evidence, of a military conspiracy. I think a fairly solid case, separate rom the shooting ^{except by unexpressed inference}.

Several days ago Wrone sent me a 110-page LBJ Library oral history with Kenny O'Donnell. He is one of the Kennedy people who stayed on with LBJ. To the best of my knowledge no real use has ever been made of that oral history, a fascinating one for historians and political scientists because even LBJ used him in decision-making. So he had much personal knowledge.

He was always against involvement in Viet Nam. In the course of the questioning he got into Johnson and Viet Nam in terms of Johnson's campaign against Goldwater. He there says that the military kept Johnson uninformed by "fibs" and saw to it that he never knew the truth. He then says that the Tonkin Gulf incident, his singular, was arranged to make what Johnson did inevitable. It created a political situation in which he had no alternative. He also says that Johnson was strongly opposed to our involvement (Yes, I remember that Diem=Geo. Washington bit), that ~~is~~ he is absolutely certain without that contrived political situation Johnson would have had us out of there, even, virtually his exact words -Fullbright was wrong.

With the book being about a military conspiracy I plan to add this, recalling my own contemporaneous analysis you wrote that letter praising when you returned it. Your letter at the least will let me date it, especially if, if I cannot find that or that analysis, I can use a few words from it.

I'll try to search here when I feel up to it, which is to say, able to do the searching in the basement and then not be too tired to come up the stairs again. So all I'm asking now is not that you do much work, ^{any} only whether you can, without much work, locate your letter with which you returned that material...Hope all of you are OK. For us past 80 by a little, we are. 50th ^wedding anniv. day before yesterday and honorary doctorates at Hood on the 22d. Our best,
Harold