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Dear Mr. Evans,

Thanks for taking the time for your kind note of the first.

As you may not know, in order to bring out the first book on the Warren Commission I had to invent the underground book. While I have no idea where the money to do it will come from, I fear that in order to tell the story of what I tentatively think of as The Unimpeachment of Richard Nixon I'll have to try the same method. I am working on that book.

Perhaps when I have completed it you might care to consider this again. I think and hope there will be in it what could be sold profitably in a number of countries. My major interest is in financing an initial printing of the book.

Should you look with favor on the article on my secret relationship with the late Senator Russell and his doubts about the conclusions of the Commission of which he was the most conservative member, I have literally up to dozens of documents classified "TOP SECRET." I showed some to Oliver. Any or all are available if you like to reproduce such things. And in no case do I ever obtain anything improperly.

After Oliver was here I wrote Gordon Harbord, who has been my agent in London and a cherished friend. Perhaps you have heard from him or will.

Oliver and I spent most of our time on my work on the suppressed Kennedy medical evidence. He has the book I wrote over a period of years. But I never asked him why you had sent him here and he never said. Later, Fred Emory, of the daily Times, told me it had to do with the DC2 10.

If his story has not appeared and for your information and files if it has, I tell you about a recent decision of the federal court of appeals in Washington. The case is Robertson et al v. Butterfield et al. Nixon's bug installer was Alexander Butterfield, now Federal Aviation Administrator. This is a leader group case for access to reports of what is known as the Systems Worthiness Analysis Program (SWAP).

They lost. The court ruled for suppression, as it has with me, with contempt for the clear intent of the Congress. The suit was brought under the misnamed Freedom of Information law of 1966. The government is converting it into a justification for suppression. The Supreme Court's decision in one of the four cases I filed under this law is one of the reasons for a recent Senate amendment to the law, to make it mean what the Congress meant, not what Watergate-intimidated courts are rewriting it into.

If this interests you, your Washington bureau can obtain a copy from the clerk of the federal appeals court. A summary appears in The Daily Washington Law Reporter dated yesterday.

We enjoyed the visits of both of your reporters. We found them both to be fine men.

If on any of the areas of my work I can be of help to you, please do not be reluctant to ask.

Sincerely,

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From the Editor

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Mr. Lewis Chester has told me of his conversations with you, and I am happy to confirm that they were in complete confidence. Having considered it for the last two or three days here, I have come to the conclusion that we ought not to attempt to fit your material into our Watergate coverage.

It was good of you to think of us, and I am writing at once so that you are free to make any other arrangements you wish.

The Kennedy material is being looked at at the moment, and I will let you have the very earliest indication on that.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Harold Evans
Editor