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Received from Harold Weisberg
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Dear Oliver,

My, what addresses you now have over there!

A word of thanks ~~from~~^{for} the prompt reaction to the tape and recollections of must have been too much that you took back with you.

Today I had a long phone conversation with your Mr. Chester, who was in Washington. He had a copy of a memo you wrote.

I told him that I am as willing to deal on a basis of confidentiality with him as I had been with you, invited him up, gave him directions, and look forward to his coming, in the hope that something of mutual benefit may emerge.

I also dropped Gordon Harbord a note. I hope that after so long an absence from home you had time to give him a verbal, telephonic hug for me before he got my letter. We have never met, but he has to be one of the world's finest humans.

If your Mr. Evans has any interest in the Russell story, and if I did not tell you, 100% of the rather extensive relevant documentation can go with it. You saw only samples, first to show you the care and definitiveness and then to impress you with all those TOP SECRET stamps.

I look forward to your having time to read POST MORTEM, with a mite of charity and of understanding of the conditions under which it was written. I hope that after you have, some possibilities might evolve. Even after Watergate, the kind of documentation I have is unprecedented, I believe.

A good condensation, supported by the existence of the entire unabridged work, could be a best seller or close to it today. There is new interest and there is a generation to whom the entire story is new. You'd be surprised at the volume of my mail on the subject since about October 1.

The Supreme Court ruled against my request for certiorari in the spectrographic analysis suit a week ago today. I must have had two dozen requests about the availability of the books since then, and I have seen no news story on it. although I have the typed UPI copy, which I have seen in print nowhere.

This, alas, is the basic precedent for the now-gutted "Freedom of Information" law. The name alone is now Orwellian. But as there was no single news story on the suit at any prior stage - anywhere - so also did the WxPost and the NY Times find it not news fit for a story.

By the time you have completed POST MORTEM I think you will realize that in filing this suit, in an effort to extract the suppressed truth and to give this new law viability I jeopardized a rather considerable amount of work.

Anyway, thanks. We look forward to the possibility of another visit.

Best regards,