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Dear John,

Your 7.16 w enc. arrived today while I was getting a new tooth.

I read Jess clearly. He has changed (but not yet as much as he will have to if he is to survive). His use of "personally" for his involvement and using "detailed" with regard to inquiry are, for the devil who loves scripture, ample indication he wants to be kept au courant and wants it done if he can be kept out. Satisfactory. If he lives he can increase his insurance.

There is not too much I have on that end of that case. I keep somewhat in touch with the LA and SE people. I may or may not have stuff that fits. Because I believe from the first it is all part of the same thing, I know I must have an enormous amount that will be useful by the end of it.

In any event, I wrote a book on it before I went to New Orleans. I must now find time to read, correct and add to it. For example, I have a fair amount of stuff on the NSRP (mostly re King, but remember Drennan?) in it. I had this, to a small degree, in the last chapter of O in N.O. I now have the name of that man and the name of the man he said would do the killing, and with an advance prediction (on tape) of the King ass., there is a good fit on this man. The precious line of 11/23/63, that I have, useable, "Now we must concentrate on the Jews".

The first sentence of COUP D'ETAT is "First framed then murdered, Bobby Kennedy was assassinated twice". The subtitle is "I Accuse the CIA". I have in it the whole story of those guns between Bobby and the White House, etc. a little (not hard on him) of the letter to Jess, etc. One should never write 35,000 words in parts of three days, but I had to. Now I've got to find time to go over it. I'll write you after I do. My impression is that it is close to ready, for such a book can be more hasty, that it has some sensational new material than can win over some of the Jewish (excuse the word) "liberals", that Hearst will not touch it. However, if distribution can be arranged, I think it would more than pay for itself.

I knew Younger's father and mother. She is remarkably skilled in making beautiful things from egg shells. I used to give them to her, biggest you ever saw.

Had not seen Sparrow. Will be doing something and sending.

Did a piece on Epstein. Art Kevin, LA, has, and I think Paul Hoek. To be published, with documents and pictures, next week in BOOKS, with reprint rights available for credit. Art and Books like. Short but hot. Garrison has sins, but they do not include manufacturing evidence or abusing defendants.

Art has copy your letter to me in N.O. He works hard and well, as do his assistants, Jim Lawrence, Roger Aldi.

If this was disappointed before---I've stopped for what has become almost a ritual, a 15-minute workout in pool before meals, and then had a salad for lunch. I'm in the pool at least three times a day, naked if there is

company, take short, hard calisthenics whenever I think of it and feel like, and have cut down on an already low food intake. I've knocked 10 pounds off in two weeks! The money shortage made it easier in N.O. It is refreshing, I feel better, and I'm preparing for a long pull the kids won't make as well.

Haven't seen Hal yet. Invited him here. I'd like him to read two unpublished books and I'd like to clean them up.

On Sirhan there is something I'd like that was not in papers here. That is the Cuban bit, his being called "pro-Castro" by an anti-Castro Cuban who knew better for having been at an anti-Castro meeting. Like Bringuiet again. By the way, clobbered him in court again yesterday. He tried to withdraw case, we opposed, judge agreed with us, gave him hell and 30 days to clear it up. If he withdraws case he'll have to pay all costs, including attys.

Your Burns letter is too explicit. You may not be able to prove without question that there was or was not a conspiracy. It is more than likely that there was one that you'll not be able to prove.

And regardless of the official posture of the LA police, part of that department does believe there was a conspiracy and wants to try and prove it.

It can come out there when a speech for which I get paid is arranged, or perhaps half of one. There is a group in San Diego that wants me and can pick up part of the tab. There is much for us to talk about, and I have to spend some time with the boys in LA, exchanging information. Can you guys do something to help? The fellow there is Dr. A. George Abbott, 4718 Saratoga Ave. He is a great guy. His father is my friend and artist, and another great one.

And some early morning when I'm out there, when we are mellow and I'm warned up, have a tape recorder that runs and runs and get me going on my last trip to N.O. Even for me it was wild! Mein shorts, sandals, sports car and "I've Been Touched by the Jolly Green Giant" shirt-nothing else besides sunglasses for picture purposes only-outside the right door! Living in the quarters of the man who wanted to kill Garrison, who said he'd met two of the assassins 11/24! So closely connected to Shaw that two of Shaw's best friends gave him his pre-nuptial parties!...Getting sheriffs to work with me, having a chick recuperating from an abortion for company when I'm in the field investigating (and she brings me luck! Ricardo Davis' girl-friend in a taped account of the last night of that camp! It swung, Jonn, it swing! Almost a movie in that two weeks. The rest I cannot entrust to the public mails because they are so public.

Please do not forget the Youngblood stuff. Tell Owen, if he is back, I am, too. He ought to hear the tape I did with Art Kevin on that guns bit. Perhaps he'd want to use it. Art will okay, I'm sure, and that will be better than burning up the ATT bill. We can then do a different show, on the present situation, on the courts, on Epstein, etc.

Always hurriedly, and best,
Harold