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Dear Ed,

Thanks for the clips. It is not easy for me to conceive a more dishonest review than Barkham's. What truly follows, like the day the night, is that whenever there is a substantial book brought forth on political assassination, the professional sycophants will attack it, as Barkham does here, without validity in the criticism. As with the case for conspiracy resting on "fat man" and "slim man" stuff.

The Marasco bit is important. Although it seems to have had emotional inspiration only, I rather suspect it has been preying on his mind for a long time and the reaction to the Colley decision is what led him to it.

Look-alikes are uncommon in neither intelligence nor counter-intelligence. Nor are they in security precautions. In the original (COUP) form, I went into CIA political assassinations, but like so much, it really did have to be edited out. I had a lengthy section on the Che assassination, large parts of the use of CIA-supplied materials by their mendicants, free-lancing (Grove Press bombing one such), etc.

But as there isn't time for everything, so also is there not space.

I think I sent you the Publisher's Weekly Review. I'll enclose Fred Cook's, in the Saturday Review. Jerry made me some copies. As long as they last, I'll include them in my correspondence to those who still write me daily about the JFK assassination.

Thanks,

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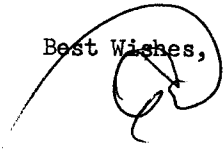
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Dear Harold:

Enclose review from N. Y. Post of 4/7.

The enclosed Times article (4/4) has certain elements of interest.

Best Wishes,



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