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Dear Ed,

Finished Bilikin. Very interesting. How do you make any effort to learn whether the writings cited are inventions or if there is such existing literature? Sometimes writers do draw upon real sources in novels.

In 1968, for different reasons, I had a special interest in this kind of thing, apart from Sisson. Time precluded carrying it further. I was then in N.C. and had gotten the names of some reputable medical hypnotists with whom I'd planned to speak.

After this novel, the pseudo-Manchurian-Candidate bit I'd always considered a possibility seems less far out, if only because someone else had conjectured a similar thing before.

Review copies of Garrison's book should soon be available. I think it is due in October. Tom Bethell has also written a book, but I have no knowledge of publication, if any.

This is several hours later. The hijacking is an incredible development. I suspect this one will not be as easily tolerated as those before it, and I have a hunch it will feed conspiracy beliefs. The "official" denial is without meaning, but a reflection of either fear after the fact or of the reaction. It is hardly likely all that trouble, the most elaborate one in history, together with the otherwise pointless destruction of the 747, was for less. Time may tell.

Thanks and best regards,