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Dear Ed,

Had to leave town for several days. Picked up the mail at the p.o. Your 25 is helpful. The Harwood piece you quote may be what is it that I have from the Post, where he works, that I can't find. I have used the quote from The Espionage Establishment in the draft of what I was writing. (I've been meaning to get Goulden's book and to look him up.) Or, someone else told me of the Harwood piece. Jaworski refused comment.

I have no basis for independent judgement, but I do not really think that Connally coaxed Kennedy into going to Texas. I think he felt he had to because LBJ had not really delivered in the previous election and for other reasons, one to keep the more moderate of the right Demos from going Republican. And money. (re: Advance Man) Again, I misread, I do not think Connally dictated the route, not for a minute. In the downtown area, that is more than traditional, it is the obvious. Details at the TSED, aside from the integrity of the investigation, are inconsequential. The area is that compact. L.A. makes more sense this way.

That L.A. dentist story is not new. I've not seen the complete details and may try and get a copy of the Washingtonian. But I'd like to ask you for more hints that blacks are being blamed. I've tried to prepare them for this for several years, for some of the counter-offensive has been spilled to me. Bet the DJ fed it to Anderson.

Heath is one published I didn't approach. I knew of the others. Remember, RH distributed Sparrows book reprint of his mag piece. I had that in COUP.

Best regards,

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Dear Harold:

The Espionage Establishment lists Sarah Hughes (Hoblitzelle Foundation), Leon Jaworski (M.D. Anderson Foundation) and John Mecom (San Jacinto Fund), former employer of De Mohrenschildt as individuals who served as Trustees for Foundations which used CIA funds.

The book gives a long list of such "Fronts".

As to what use these funds were put, it is difficult to say because of the fiscal concealment possible within generally accepted accounting procedures.

The Stern Family Fund (See enclosure) seems symbolic. Mrs. Stern, a close friend of Clay Shaw, used the Stern Funds to finance Kirkwood's book and support political causes.

In The Money Givers Joseph Goulden chronicles the cynical use of the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation.

The proposed book of which we spoke is very complex and will require a good deal of time.

Obviously, the organization is critical.

There are two natural divisions, operations and the economic motivation.

The project, to say the least, is difficult.

The just published, The Advance Man (Morrow) by Jeff Greenfield and Jerry Bruno, former "Advance Man" for R.F.K. and J.F.K. contains two items of interest.

According to Bruno, the fatal Dallas route was insisted upon by Gov. Connally over the objections of Sen. Ralph Yarborough and the Kennedy entourage who wanted an alternate route.

The L.A. kitchen route was a familiar one and R.F.K. followed the waving hand of "A Hotel Official" who led the path.

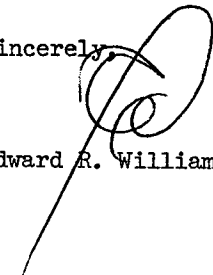
A glimpse into the investigative efforts of the F.B.I. in the King assassination appears in the May issue of The Washingtonian. According to Jack Anderson, the leading "Suspect" was a black L.A. dentist whose wife had borne King's child.

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The "Source" of this information was a former baseball player who had "Heard" the story.

Evidently, certain rumors are "Worth" investigating but hard evidence of the wrong type is not.

Sincerely,



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MERE APPENDAGES OF CONGLOMERATES  
AS PER HOLT, RINEHART [C.B.S.], RANDOM  
HOUSE, KNOPF, PANTHEON [R.C.A.], GROSETT  
DUNHAP, BANTAM [NATIONAL GENERAL],  
D.C. HEATH [RAYTHEON] ETC.