

Dear Dave,

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Wrong

The closer I got to the end of the ~~Afterthought~~ the more uneasy I got. It is not easy to believe that can be attributed to bumbling or incompetence. I mean of the military. But can I tell myself that Blakey knew what he^was doing and not tell myself the admirals did, too? As it left me uneasy then, just before supper, so am I in the early morning, without enough time to go back to where I was when I interrupted myself after a long absence, reading my way to resuming Inside the ~~Kennedy~~^{JFK} Assassin Industry.

It is only an hour before I leave for my walking.

I am infested in your opinion of how it stacks but at the same time I think that other than about Blakey it had best be in generalities that do not pinpoint.

In sending Bill a copy I ask him to keep it to himself.

I have it written so that it can make a long article. For the book it can be cut. It need not be as free-standing in the book. Whose editor appears to like the idea. I've written him a bit of an understatement and he replied. I'll be writing Gallen soon but not right away. I think I'll await Case Open.

There can be some hazard in this. And I'm thinking of sharing it with Newman. Any thoughts on that? I suppose he'll now be busy with those 50,000 FBI Oswald pages just released. About which I find myself wondering whether Lesar will want to take any time for my request for them or to think of the possibilities that presents. And that reminds me, of all that has come out, of all he has of that, I've gotten not a page.

What I wrote Gary Aguilar about it, not spelled out in any way, just referring to the importance I saw in it and telling him that I'd like to credit his source if he wanted that and would credit him, I've had no response. He has used the phone fairly often, once between two operations, from the hospital. I find myself wondering if he did not respond because I asked him to have Mantik consider the parts that can relate to his beliefs with care. I have no address on Mantik of I'd have written him. I wrote *Gary* him again but he may not have had time to respond to that. Jerry is making a copy for you of the medical panel transcript and when you are here, as I hope you may be soon, I have the other records in an identified box so as you read the other records you can copy what you may want. When you read to the Sibert-O'Neill part of this you'll see what those records reflect. After I finished and sat and thought for a while I wondered if I should not point the FBI part up a bit more sharply.

I have a student coming today to do some typing. I'll have to decide what I want her to type first. And whether it would be better for her to use her word processor, given the difficulty of the copy from which she'll be working. Although is cleaner than most. As of now I'm inclined to think perhaps the Posner article first. And that reminds me, if you've had the time for it, meaning reading it, I've decided to title what I sent you first, "Senator Russell Dissents." What you you think of that and of it?

Albeit March-like, we are having a return of winter. This time (3:30 a.m.) yesterday it was 60 degrees. Now it is 26. With some precip indicated for the coming week. The main problem ^{from} for the temperature is that it restricts my walking some but not as much as the snow and ice.

There is a sort of empty feeling now, after this last writing. Empty yet not that because there is the wonder what can be done with it and if anything, what can it mean, if anything, or lead to.

Best,

Hardy