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Dear Sam,

Congratulations of a report that tells it as it is and especially for the word you used in the NBC-TV interview aired this a.m., "subversion". It has rarely been used and it is the crux.

I'd appreciate a copy if you have one to spare. I have started a book, without a contract or the prospect of one, because I think the scandal needs presenting in a context and all the books of which I know seem to be either on the scandals themselves or irresponsible, the majority the latter. Such people as the Post reporters and Clark Mollenhoff will, I am certain, turn out fine jobs, but especially when they are rushed, have continuing obligations and an enormous amount of fact do I think the context in which this belongs may be slighted.

My work on the assassinations and my experiences trying to get the first book published do not endear me in publishing circles. It means that no decent agent will touch me, as I have learned. However, I have made inquiries, and the situation seems to be one in which most houses fear the Mollenhoff Bantam "special" will cream the market. Nonetheless, I have begun.

I do have material neither used nor indicated to date. All the relevant fact has not come out and from the nature of what I have, I do not expect it to before either the grand jury or the Ervin committee. I will be including it and I think you will find it more subversive than anything that has come out. To pursue this farther than I did under the FOI would have been irresponsible, but I can and under the correct circumstances would.

In the early stages, before the magnitude of this thing was clear even to good reporters, I asked a couple to get printouts of several reports, saying it was possible if not certain that they might give more information that I would then give the reporters. They promised but didn't. Today, while there is any prospect that I will complete the book, I would not want to give this away. I would like to pursue it further, not because I am certain of what it will yield but because I think there can be a yield. I have had experiences with some of these Cubans that required looking into them some time ago, before all of this. In the course of watching them I accumulated a small file on Cuban-Americans for Nixon-Agnew. I do not know that there were active in the past campaign but know they were in 1968. I am too broke to think of paying for this, but I'd like to see it if you can tell me if this is possible.

When I did work like this years ago, the records were in the office of the Clerk of the House and readily accessible. I have no experience under the new law. And by the way, years ago the Republicans were working with and paying some of the more dubious characters of the far right.

If there is anything you can do or suggest, thanks.

And thanks for what seems to be a great and much-needed report.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg