

Dear Js, Sorry I couldn't make more response to the valuable mailing of the 15th and to thank ^{JUN 21 1973} whichever of you went to the trouble of getting Colson and Buckley from Who's Who. When I read that this a.m. I wrote Howard to see if he can make further check. Odd that Buckley makes no reference to his CIA career, or to being in Mexico the years he says he met Hunt there. Think I made a carbon of note to Howard for you. Those were freewheeling years for the CIA in Latin America...The potential German publisher is Melzer. Never heard of him. I couldn't go when Dick wanted me to and he couldn't be there when I was. He and they were getting together last night. I decided against staying over so I could get things cleaned up and then start retrieving what I'll need from the bulky by-the-month files but I was too tired and there was too much mail I had to answer. The final decision will be made in Germany...Think you can get enough of what Inge Feltrinelli wrote from my response. Didn't copy hers. She concluded with the caution against letting the CIA capture, rather kidnap me! I would guess my chances there are fairly good but I'm not going to send in an outline and then find I have to change it. Until after Dean and Hunt both testify I won't even try now. The organization is gradually fixing itself in my head. As far as I would go with those two yesterday they were in accord. Imagine: they want me to write a polemical book and I want them to blue-pencil anything like that. I said the content is too much without that and that I'd have to cramp myself in trying to avoid it in the draft. In the end I think they agreed. They seemed to like some of the snatches and notes I made, all I could give them. I don't think anything was as long as ten pages. They were excited by the Dean letter and my response and by the FBI reports on the Cubans. They also were talking about a too-long book with too much in it. They came to see that the same purposes could be accomplished better in other ways. One of them wants a complete glossary. (Might be a good idea with a short book, but I'll be handling most of that in the musical chairs treatment, a phrase everyone is now using. While we were talking, a very constructive thing in itself, I decided on what they like, a sort of duplication of the beginning of WW. A Foreword and an Introduction. In the Intro I will go into the government and elections work, something necessary for Europeans and I suspect for many in US. When I showed them the second part of the WW Intro, A Word About Assassinations, they liked that. I can follow that with the thing I'd started, The Law for the Layman...I'm just a bit satisfied with coming up with a formula that makes possible what three Pulitzers couldn't do. I suspect the Mollenhoff's front money was in the range of the Posters'. Spent about 1/2 hr with Walter, Bantar Friend, between these reps and the bus. That is also his notion. He has no knowledge. I await Dick's evaluation after his meeting with them. He is tough-minded about such things...They don't think the book is too tough for Europe, but they finally decided it was for the US. In the end I may disagree with them, if it shapes up as I hope...Peter Dale Scott and Lesar are coming tomorrow. Thanks for everything. Got Baker's fine piece in Balt Eve Sun last night, presume identical with Times 6/18.

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Read all the worthwhile in your mailing of 6/15, thanks. The Executive Action piece from the NYTimes service confirms my worst suspicions. This rubbish is a nightmaring of Garrison and Farewell America. If nothing else, Jaffe's having anything to do with it makes it dubious. Not only because he is an utter incompetent but more, because he was key in the Farewell America foolishness. It is almost as though someone is making a new version of the film of that name. With better auspices. I would have thought Trumbo would have been more discriminating, had better judgement. He really doesn't have to know anything about the fact to recognize this as a disreputable project. If anything on this subject now made me ill, this is the kind of thing that would. For Lane the buck is principle enough. For Freed I don't know but I do wonder. For Trumbo I would have hoped for more. HW 6/19/73

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George O'Toole has a piece on JFK assassination tapes saying there is a 94% chance certain selecteds lied (so what else is new?) in the current Penthouse. I have a second copy in today's mail if you'd like. Have not read and probably won't for a while (despite backup pubic hair display). If you'd like second copy please let me know. Filed under O'Toole. HW 6/19/73 JUN 21 1973