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Dear Jim,

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Before getting into today's work on the FOIA case, which currently takes precedence, a word about your note attached to the UFO piece. I have read only the note. I saw it while looking for the review of Howard's book. No chance to read much yesterday.

Regardless of what appears in it, within my experience the Enquirer has very good reporters. We have an account of Gris from his companion on that Tate operation. Rod Gibson is the one who handled them over here, kept them away from the press but as relaxed as they would let themselves be. It was no easy task but nobody ever once found them and Rob never once lied to the press.

As I recall what Rod then told us it is that Gris wound up persona non grata in the USSR. What he actually did there required daring, imagination and some initiative. Or, a competent journalist, one of the few able to get the USSR to do what it does not do.

I also know from personal experience that the Enquirer checks its UFO ~~stories~~ stories with care. I sold them a lead on a pair of local sightings. It had a switch that CBers did the sightings and were in touch with each other on them.

I would imagine that of all the press they would have best files, notes, etc. on this subject. Look forward to read the piece.

Too bad Pope, who is the dictator there, hasn't seen fit to take the next step, to become more responsible. He is building circulation too fast to risk what he fears it would do. I'm sure he's wrong, merely his own prisoner within the mind.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'JR' or similar, written in a cursive style.