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Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness in sending along the Korry tape. We did see that show and agree with you that Korry was working hard, if not overtime. In any case we're returning the tape with thanks.

We suspect that Korry is working for one faction in an internal struggle which we suspect has been going on for some time within the CIA over policy, including the future structure of the intelligence community. But perhaps even more importantly it may bear on national policy on such matters as detente, etc.

We think the strange wave of disclosures about the sins of the South Koreans, after so many years when they could do no wrong, almost may reflect this internal struggle. The continued charmed life led by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, despite some attempts to discredit him, may be another symptom. For some time we have suspected he represented a willingness to experiment with various religious cults (and others not so religious) in a wide search for some sort of all-purpose ideological movement, perhaps with considerable religious overtones, whichn could be used for political purposes some day. There are many things which fit into this pattern, including some very esoteric ones.

But at present perhaps the sharpest focus of the internal battle within the CIA right now shows up in London, where the British have been persuaded to deport Philip Agee, whose disclosures about the CIA have been by far the most damaging thus far. In this connexion one cannot help noticing that James Angleton is now living in retirement in Britain. Agee has at least one more book cooking, and apparently hask to be shut up.

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Along the same line, thanks for the clipping from the NY Times of Sunday, Jan. 2, David Burnham's piece on Sprague's past sins.

IF YOU NEED THIS BACK, be sure to say so. I've pasted it up so we easily can make a copy for ourselves and send the original back to you for your files if you want it.

I agree with your suggestion to JL that this may have been written as a result of your conversation with Mo Waldron about Sprague. However, I think it takes more than that for the Times to jump into a situation like this and would not have done so if it hadn't first made sure it was okay to do so. In other words, who wants a real investigation of the JFK thing, even if Sprague shows every promise of blowing it? It could get out of hand. Facts could come out and be spread all over the public prints. Who wants that? More to the point, who doesn't want it? Who has moved heaven and earth thus far to prevent it and is still in the moving business?

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