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Dear Js,

Glad I took a further look at your maioimg, for I had already responded to a Mexico City correspondent who had asked me to collaborate on a book on Kaplan (Joel) Idd declined, but we've had further correspondence, including today. A copy of my request is enclosed. I'll sedn the clip if I get it. She can translate, but I didn't ask because it is probably an enormous job. We'll see. Fascinating piece in other ways. Buckley wears his own blinders, and with all the diamonds, platinum and oil they are still blinders, which makes it the more interesting.

Now, on his: he was and perhaps is a director of the Hohlberg Foundation (China lobby). In 1966, late, or early 1967, they were considering an investigation of the JFK assassination (I suspect they dropped it when they found no Reds). They asked Oscar Collier, a literary agent, the president of a small publishing house (he almost did WHITEWASH) to get a staff together. I agreed to be chief investigator. Does this illuminate?

From what B quotes, Chous said nothing that surprises us, not even his candor and laying it on the line.

I know of nothing the Chinese have said earlier on the assassination(s). I have communicated my low opinion of the Aurora piece. No answer to my letter. Expect none.

I'll read the RNA clips before I file, but not now. And I have to listen to frost tonight. He has Bishop and I'll be asking for equal time. By certified mail. Boy do I wish that Sony mike had come, like the cords. But I'll use my large reel-to-reel, which is close to the TV. (WHich reminds me, if the wires didn't carry it, there was an excellent interview on CBS-TV early a.m. today with a Puerto Rican just out of Attica after 10 years and, although his time was about up, one of those in revolt.) Again, not a hint. I'f I'd known, I'd have taped it for you. Caught it by accident, just before leaving for my morning walk, so I delayed it to view.)

Lil is wondering whether the fashing (fashion?) clip is a challenge to see if she dare undertake the knitting of a Supergal costume for Jen Sr.?

Interestingly, your thoughtful gift of the two Sony cords came a day before the letter announcing it. But now that I know you are also sending the mike, I'll see if my freind San dome up with a pair of Sony female plugs, for which I can use the other Sony Cord for when I see JER. It might be worth it for this one use. Good idea to mark the leads, for there is no Sony dealer here and it saves the time of the friend, as it would have in a shop where the minimum charge here is \$8.00, for anything.

I thought I remembered wrong when you told me about the heat. Hal had told me that it never gets real hot or real cold there. We had mild weather until yesterday. It is cooling now. I was in the pool day before yesterday, or almost three weeks later than before. Generally Labor Day marks the chilling of the water to discomfort. When you haveno chance to adjust to the heat it must be much worse. I'm wearing pants at home for the first time since the advent of warm weather. But this a.m., shorts only. Once I got used to them I've found them more comfortable and less confining. I'm less aware of wearing anything, less distracted in even this minor way.

Check on Dealey Plaza, San Q and Attica. I forecast this kind of thing in general terms in the early part of COUP, which makes it a bit more shocking when it happens. I can't and won't ask you to duplicate your clips on San Q, but I'd appreciate anything on the autopsy or autopsies from the local papers, the first official stories and any other, and the stories the lawyers told once they got in, but just for the completeness of the file and from the local papers only. Unless the Times had something of significance not in them that you haven't sent. One of the reasons is the slim chance one of my offers (to Bantam, publisher of the letters) is accepted. I have a friend there and suggested an effort to get all the autopsy stuff for me to

analyze for them and the mother, with no obligations to me. I have a hunch from the one-day story here that a competent examination of the autopsy material, were it available, would indicate that he had also been struck and was probably falling when shot. If the bullet was deflected by bone, which is not unusual, there would ordinarily be an indication at that bone. I suspect a pistol may have been the weapon, not the usual carbine or rifle, and that he was not shot while running across the yard. What you say of non-GI weapons is interesting. Exact parallel of Chicago/Panthers case.

You do not indicate among the possibilities one I think might be considered, that it is not alone the racist guards who are uptight at the uppity nigger, that someone may have indicated his death would not lead to an official period of mourning. I have seen no ref. to any prints on the 9mm pistol. The removal of the grips would not eliminate all sources, any if it were the typical rough kind. But the clip would have to show some, and silence?...Do you think anything may have happened to Bingham, or that he lammed after hearing the radio or TV accounts, knowing he'd be suspect and knowing something about modern "justice"? There was rather interesting and quite fair family treatment on TV at the time of the killings.

I did not know that there had been a series of killings at San Q. If you could prepare a list of them I've somebody in jail I think is not worried enough about what could happen there. It might make him think a bit.

Your comment on the informer is interesting. The Attica ex-con on TV this a.m., while saying he knew nothing about who killed the three prisoners slain before the police put it on the assembly line, also said they were stoolies. Did you note that the guards in NY are about to make a demonstration for a number of reasons, including better conditions for the inmates?

Skimmed and will read other clips. Col. Herbert has gotten good and fair TV treatment, including straight interviews which make the Army look like what it is. Anderson is nuts if he says the DJ isn't out to nail emos. It is blatant here. They've even exculpated to nail bigger fish.... Marvin Lewis on same a.m. TV show today. I'd not known that the trial-lawyers were having this investigation until then. I'll read the others with more care....Heard today that the Merv Griffin show actually censored an FCC commissioner, Johnson, when he teed off on aspirin and other commercials. They just left out that part of the tape.

Patience on my Mexico City correspondent. Although sent airmail, the last letter required 10 days in transit! The local P.O. is investigating what has happened to a small fraction of my mail, to a couple only of the known "buffs" and my publisher. Not really Buffs, one a young friend who is here often, and that didn't happen until he finished and made a submission to a publisher, one of Ray's lawyers, and my "publisher". No others. Although anything else seems unlikely, I don't believe it is done in the local P.O. They sort the mail in another building not attached, and with a few pieces it could happen there, where the job is contracted or done by minor clerks with little or no super vision. The local P.O. has always been very good to me in all ways. Helpful, too.

Again, thanks for all the many favors. Best,

