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Dear Harold: In reviewing your recent stuff while assembling the enclosed I note your inquiry of June 6 about using Sen. Scott and his defense of Nazi interests as precedent for his defense of GL. While it's dangerous to venture an opinion from my distant state of ignorance, I'd say don't hesitate to use it if it's relevant to and doesn't distract from your main theme. The basic problem you face in documenting your arguments from personal experience is how to do it without seeming to boast. In that sense I'd be choosy about which examples to use and discard those which may be seen as carrying less than maximum impact. The point you make in each case will be heightened considerably if you can bring out your own role as late in the argument as possible and only to make it more authentic. In other words, the need is to make the point, not to recount your own adventures. You've had so much experience that your critics are bound to accuse you of tooting your own horn, so I think you will have to pay special attention to this problem. You'll be criticized, of course, no matter how modestly you play it, so the only thing to do is to concentrate on impact. If impact calls for you to put on your white hat and gallop off to head off somebody at the pass, do it. But when you can, put yourself last, or in a footnote, or inject yourself as inconspicuously as possible with the implication that if it hadn't happened to you it could just as well have happened to someone else.

Many thanks for your thoughtful requests to Lesar and Howard for forward various stuff to us. We're especially interested in the Sunday NYTimes piece on Hunt. Enclosed is a story on an Atlantic feature on LBJ believing that Oswald had help and that JFK got it because he thwarted a CIA-connected plot ~~against~~ to assassinate Castro. Looks like Hunt may have been talking quite a bit and that this is a way of blunting what he's said when it becomes public. In case you didn't know it, Bob Manning, the Atlantic's editor in chief, was JFK's Asst. Sec. of State for Information. He was on that plane with Rusk and a lot of other JFK wheels that was en route to Japan and turned back over the ~~PACIFIC OCEAN~~ ~~to~~ Pacific on 22 Nov 63. As far as I've been able to see, this is the first move he's made, if it is a move.

I've finally dubbed Alch's second day of testimony on cassettes for you and will enclose if I can get them into the envelope. Otherwise they'll come separately. Runs 2 hours and 30 mins or so. Includes corridor interviews afterward with Alch and Fenssterwald which may contain a crumb or two. This is BASF tape and has the peculiar habit of squealing loudly on rewind or fast forward. Don't let it ~~bother~~ bother you. It seems to work okay otherwise.

While dubbing I listened to much of this part of Alch and have the impression that they gave him a much rougher time than on the first day. Whether he made any slips I can't say, but there are passages where he's obviously very uncomfortable. Hope you find it useful.

Best,



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