

Dear Dick,

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Among the many interruptions of the week just ended were three inquiries about the Stone movie. One was by a New Orleans paper, one by a former NBC-TV producer who now has his own production company in California and the third is the immediate cause of this letter. CNN apparently intends an in-depth look, my conclusion, not what the producer who phoned told me. They are coming here on the 12th. My instinctive reaction is that its treatment will be so cursory that anything I might say rather than hurt any book prospects should be helpful. Or, I'll be as fully informative as possible, responding fully to what I'm asked or asked for. If you disagree I'd appreciate knowing.

While I have no reason to believe that Simon & Schuster will be involved in a scandal I see in a book it has just published, because I do see a potential scandal and because you have a friend there I'll enclose a growing and incomplete memo done in haste beginning with one chapter of Tom Mangold's "Cold Warrior." The book is about the former CIA chief of counterintelligence, a paranoid who came close to wrecking the CIA and was responsible for killings and much other wrong and true evil, including the abuse of Yuri Nosenko, whose name I probably mentioned in what I've sent you.

Among my interest is "Agent Oswald?" This bears heavily on that, too, as to a ^degree is indicated in the (continuing) memo.

The potential scandal is whether Mangold made a deal with the CIA to cover its ass to the degree he could in return for access to former employees who were prohibited from talking to him by the terms of their employment contracts. Another part is what Mangold lied about with regard to Oswald and Nosenko relating to whether or not Oswald was or could have been some kind of agent, what kind of person Oswald really was and the CIA's talking the Warren Commission out of taking any secret testimony from Nosenko on this.

I believe there was such rottenness and that S & S had nothing to do with it and that Mangold did. I also believe that there is not a high probability of anything coming of it, witness nobody has phoned to ask me any questions while writing a review or considering a news story or feature based on the book.

Garrison, of course, charged Oswald and with Stone says the CIA was responsible for ~~the~~ the JFK assassination while not following the leads I followed on this and not including any of what I got in his book.

Best,