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cc: S. Trahern ✓

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Mr. Brian Lamb:

C - SPAN is the best channel on the tube. Thank you very much.

I saw your Journalists' Roundtable yesterday (rerun). You connected Dan Quayle to the John Birch Society through his father-in-law. He was much closer than that if my memory is correct.

I believe his grandfather, father and uncle were prominently connected in the upper echelons of the Society in Indiana, and may still be so. Please check this out, and if my memory is accurate, make the necessary corrections to the viewing public.

I had an interesting insight into the Society in southern California. I had a young man working for me who was an avid participant in the Orange County branch. [REDACTED] was a great booster for two legislators named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They were convinced and almost paranoid about an internal rebellion in this country led by Blacks and Hispanics. They squirrelled away food, guns and ammo in preparation for the seige they knew was coming. They did not trust our government to protect them; they believed their salvation depended solely upon themselves.

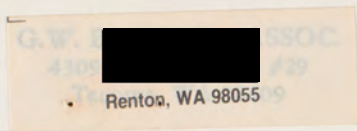
To this end they rendezvoused in isolated areas on the desert and conducted rifle practice on weekends. Even his wife and two small daughters received training in rifle shooting and other survival tactics.

One Friday in November 1963 [REDACTED] and I returned from lunch about one o'clock LA Time to find my secretary crying at her desk. Her mother had just called to say the president had been shot and rushed to a nearby hospital. [REDACTED] dashed into his office and closed the door. When he emerged a half-hour or so later, he said he had gotten in touch with General Walker in Texas and confirmed his suspicion that it was the work of Cuban Communists. He further stated that Walker said there had been an undercurrent of rumors in Texas and Florida that "they" were out to get Kennedy for the Bay of Pigs fiasco. (You will recall that sometime after the assassination, we got word that there had been an attempt on the life of Walker, and Oswald was suspected of being involved.)

Sincerely,

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