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Mr. Stewart Alsop
The Saturday Evening Post
1000 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 36, D.C.

Dear Stew:

Very shortly the men who worked closely with President Kennedy will begin spilling barrels-full of fascinating anecdotes about the man and periods of crisis which they shared with him. While we are hoping, earnestly, that we wind up with at least one of the major memoirs, I don't want to forget our own major contributor -- namely you. I doubt that many "inside" stories revealed by Sorenson, Schlesinger or Salinger will equal your story of the seven words that shook the world -- how JFK approved the piece, etc.

Imagine, if you will, the impact of such a revelation by you just a few weeks before the Democratic convention opens. Startling? Do you, by chance, have in your possession an original copy of the manuscript with JFK's editing marks on it? If so, it would certainly lend to the piece's importance, as well as stifle, in advance, the automatic reaction of the doctrinaire liberals who refuse to believe that The Man ever really said that about Adlai.

Let me know what you think about this, and what the timing of such a revelation should be.

Sincerely,


Clay D. Blair, Jr.