

Dear Jim,

7/22/83

The Anderson column item is scheduled for use this coming Wednesday. It had been scheduled earlier but was delayed for something more topical. It is historical, not topical.

Les was concerned and while on a bicycling vacation in Vermont kept in touch. He used a pay phone on a country gravel road!

It has been shortened some but as it stands - he had it read to him by phone - it includes mention of me and eliminates some of the balancing he had in to stretch to be fair to the FBI.

He knows Judge Smith from his reporting days when Smith had a heart attack. He thinks Smith is afraid of critical comment in the press, from those days.

I'm a bit tired. I have the conclusion to the affidavit based on the last HSCA stuff to do. If I get it done soon we may get the thing in the mail tonight. If not, Monday.

When I went over the records I had Lil copy those I'd use for exhibits, so that is done. Only one of 35 exhibits not from them. It is the version of the same record as released to me in O322.

Most of the retyping is already done.

Later. It is almost suppertime. Lil has completed the typing and is now posting corrections. If she were done we could still not make the mail, so we'll mail it Monday. This will tell you to expect it if it reaches you Monday, via Baltimore.

What happened to delay this is my sudden recollection of a pertinent record I used in Oswald in New Orleans, on the question of Marcello's pertinence to my requests. As I recall, this is included in their discovery demands. Well, the FBI has all the Marcellos in its main assassination file and this Marcello record was designated for that file only. And another one or two things like it that took the time to do four new pages. In all, 26 pp with wide margins top, side and bottom, and now with 36 exhibits.

Maybe we are making some nice people, like LaHaie and Phillips, unhappy?

I'm sure it will be OK but Lil's typewriter is giving more of the strange impressions, like, most commonly, Is and Y+s, and Ss for Is. So it wears her and takes more time.

This and my 7/16 affidavit should be useful to others who confront the FBI's exotic filings.

Best,