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Mr. Richard Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kleindienst,

Because of your recent request to Mr. Dunsterwald, I assure you the subject of this letter is not in litigation and I would prefer that it not reach that stage. I wrote you because, under the law, you are the person I am required to address.

Bennie Gaire, then of New Orleans, was an associate of George Arreda Smith and others who figured in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Lee Harvey Oswald also applied to him for a job. Oswald had Gaire's office address noted in his address-book. Gaire and Arreda ran an anti-Castro, fund-raising organization that used an address Oswald also used. Arreda was the New Orleans head of an organization established, directed and financed by the CIA.

Gaire's office address was then the Gignac Building, at the corner of Camp and Canal Streets, New Orleans. His home address was 616 Duval Street. The address his organization ("The Granda to Free Cuba"), Oswald and Arreda all used is 544 Camp Street, which is identical with a side entrance used by the FBI to mask this address, 801 Lafayette Street.

Gaire claims to have been interrogated for 100 hours. The National Archives says it has no single FBI report or even reference to him. I request copies of all relevant data. I presume it should not have been denied the Warren Commission and would prefer to believe it is misfiled somewhere.

Gaire's home address is less than two short blocks from Deanie's and DeSatur, where Oswald visited the carrier May in the early summer of 1963, a rather intriguing coincidence, in view of the foregoing. In the course of its investigation, which was not for law-enforcement purposes, the FBI obtained a copy of the leaflet Oswald then distributed, identified a fingerprint on it as not Oswald's, and, if it ever told the Warren Commission whose fingerprint it was, I have been able to find no record of it. I therefore ask if this fingerprint was that of anyone in any way connected with the assassination investigation. I would like to know whose it is, for there are also those who should have been connected with the investigation and appear not to have been.

Should you desire that I submit forms, of course, I will. However, I do hope these unessential formalities can be dispensed with unless and until there is disagreement between us.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg