

Dear Paul,

7/29/78

I've just returned from taking Mark Allen to the bus. He has gone over the selections I've made from the Dallas assassination file and spot checked the Oswald Dallas file. He says the first five volumes in the Oswald file are of translations. I asked him about the notebook and he didn't check that. I'll do it when I can get to that file. I've had it for eight days now and have not looked at a single section.

He has seen this in confidence and having gone over it understands the need.

I do not have a page count on the copies I've selected out and can't make it from the selection because of duplicate filings. Maybe Jim will be able to from his set, which is without duplicates or file folders. ²et.

I also cannot recall how many copies are for FOIA purposes only. Maybe 25 or so.

My hunch is that it will be cheaper in the long run if you just get Jim to have copies of them all made for you. If you can think of a way in which I can, without much chance of forgetting or such extra work make a selection for you as I make my review I'm willing to try to save you these sums.

Mark agrees I have some missing links in the Mexico tape business. As you know, I think, I've appealed the withholdings. Particularly because I caught them in a lie.

On Bishop and what he represents and the record I sent you also represents, there was much in the MURKIN file. There is more on Bishop in this one. These kinds of clandestine FBI operations were significant, as was the false paper generated in HQ to hide them.

The list of file numbers you've spotted is helpful. I'll make a special file of them and hope I can recall where it is when I need it. I take it that Rino Piné is Oswald; Rodriguez is Manuel Rodriguez Orcaberra, but which of them are 105-10958, Baumgartner; and 105-1453, Navarro?

The list you gave to the FBI could be helpful, too, more so because it puts them on notice prior to processing and withholding.

Unless you want them as an inventory or check list you are right about the worksheets. Jim and I need copies for FOIA and I've set up a special file of all of them, for others and for the future, but this is not your need. Except for the HQ releases Jim has copies of all.

On your PA request, if their interpretation is unreasonable, appeal it. Shea has gotten an education in these matters.

On the pre-ass 130 pp., my chief interest is compliance with my request. ¹If you have a list of file numbers that would do, see below.

On Guinn/HSCA/NAAs, I doubt the raw material make any definitive opinion possible. ¹It is quite scant, except for the paraffin tests. It also is not complete.

It strikes me that 5/17 is rather late for McCreight to be informing you of the pre-ass. files being processed if included entirely in the FBIHQ releases. Have they accounted for all serial numbers, given you processing worksheets?

Mickey Levy is not, as Mark thought, a Webermaniac. I've spoken to him several times by phone, not found him cooperative, even reasonable, but that was when he was with Lans. Since the Ariz Republican article Gesell has ruled for him. ¹This is the source of the story about the CIA wanting to exhume LHO's wrist scar.

You clipping list. If you think I'd want or need any, please copy. On "Who struck John," it is World War II slang that as best I can recall means evading by lots of spoken irrelevancies. (At your 74.) The coming Commentary piece may have some Epsteinizing who struck John.

I'd like to see the Brad Sparks memo, thanks.

On September: if you stay with your folks you'll be passing near here going to and from DC. I'm generally here. I get to DC only when I must.

All the new records are or will be in clearly labelled file drawers. Remember, they also are in section and serial order as I received them. It has not been possible to go over them as I did the much smaller quantity from Dallas so I have not separated out copies to be filed by subject except in a few rare cases when I had to consult them or I reviewed what others had examined.

I'm sorry I have no assistant and that there appears to be nobody near here who can go over these things and consult with me as they do it. What the papers got for is not what interests us. I lack confidence in the perspective of the AIB people and their record, aside from the ripping off of the collegiate mind, is of going for what to me is the nut stuff. They impressed me badly on Good Morning America. So I believe that there may well be ~~many~~ significant info not perceived.

Mark has been admitted to the Univ. Va. law school.

Howard moved to Arlington in a week.

best,