JFK Recovery Problem appeals

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg, attached incomplete JFK assassinations records appeal begun 1/14/79 6/23/79

This past winter, when I'd read the first 28 volumes of what was provided from FBI N.O. records, I began the attached appeal. I was interrupted and did not complete it. Yesterday I worked my way down to this point in that particular stack of what accumulated over a long period of time when health or emergencies of various kinds intruded.

I regret that the haste with which I worked is reflected in the expression.

Since then I completed examination of the New Orleans records and have filed a number of appeals. Some relate to matters I began to raise in the attached.

Without knowing what is in the relevant records not provided I cannot evaluate the extent of my interest in these matters for my own work. However, as part of the historical record the matters I raise are of significance. The omissions are not likely to be in the FBI's records. The appear to come from a knowingly inadequate search. The apparent reason is filing outside the main assassination or Oswald files, as would likely be the case with such persons as Layton Martens, who is mentioned.

In the five months since I began the attached I did come accross a reference to the slip of paper in Oswald's pocket when he got himself arrested in New Orleans, the one in which then lieutenant Martello took such great interest. (I went into this in some detail in my early 1967 writing.) While I do not now recall the file in which the reference exists I do recall quite clearly that the FBI went out of its way not to include all the items Oswald copied from his addressbook and had in his pocket for the occasion of getting himself arrested. Also missing is any FBI wonder about so unusual a thing as copying Russian references only out of this addressbook and having them convenient for the police to find. They served no other purpose in New Orleans.

To the best of my recollection the other matters remain pertinent and the problems with compliance remain. I believe the explanations I provide may be helpful to your staff and to its understanding.