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Dear Lee:

I think this draft is much better than the earlier one. Somewhere I feel there should be added something like this:

"The Commission has noted that Oswald did exhibit some tendency toward the use of undercover practices which raises a suspicion that he did receive some rudimentary instruction in undercover activities. His use of aliases; his manufacture of duplicate identification cards; his use of the "drop Box" for communications, i. e., the General Post Office box rather than a normal address; his tendency to falsify facts concerning his identity and his activities, as well as his defection, give some basis for such a suspicion. However, the crudity of his methods and the fact that he was of a secretive disposition generally inclines the Commission to the view that these factors are not significant in identifying him as an agent. All of them are consistent with his nature and with his having read of such things in "spy" books, at least one of which was found among his effects. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that the Soviet authorities may have considered using him as a sort of "sleeper" in the United States on whom they might call at some future time, but our more considered view is that even in this capacity they would have had serious doubts regarding his reliability."

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as a
sleeper
in
USSR*

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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