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Dear Jerry:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter on Mexico City which I received yesterday. You are tracking the Mexico City record very carefully. I'm grateful for your sharing what you've found.

For further grist in your mill, I'm enclosing a couple of intentionally misleading pages that David Atlee Phillips wrote on Alvarado ("D") in his disinformation biography, The Night Watch. I think Phillips may be the key operator in the Oswald charade in Mexico City.

You probably have it already, but for the record I'll also enclose a description by Antonio Veciana (to Gaeton Fonzi, included in The Last Investigation) of David Atlee Phillips, a.k.a. "Maurice Bishop," meeting with Oswald in Dallas about three weeks before the Mexico City capers. Much of the rest of Fonzi's book establishes the identity between Phillips and "Bishop," and provides extensive background on Phillips.

Putting the Phillips-Oswald connection on the virtual eve of Mexico City together with the phony CIA tapes of "Oswald's" phone calls to the Soviet Consulate that John Newman has analyzed (at www.jfklancer.com/backes/newman) establishes, I think, the outlines of the scapegoat side of the plot. The purpose was to create a trail from Oswald to the Cuban Consulate to Soviet assassination expert Kostikov, and thus to a scapegoating of Cuba and the USSR in the wake of the assassination. As we can see from LBJ's phone tapes (or what we've been given of them), he pulled back from that drastic course and created the Warren Commission instead to cover over Mexico City (both the framed Soviet and the actual CIA implications) with the lone nut thesis.

Jerry, would it be possible for you to send me copies of the sources that you cite? (McCone to Mex.City, 11/23/1963, Record No. 104-100401, Agency File, No. 205-28924, NARA, (CIA releases 1995). And CIA cable traffic, 11/23/1963, box 57, paragraph 46, NARA, 9.)

Best wishes to you, Jerry, as you seek a publisher for what I trust will be an extremely valuable probing of the Warren Commission.

Gratefully,



Jim Douglass

P.S. I am also enclosing for you the "Operation Northwoods" memorandum text on which the chapter "Fists" in Body of Secrets was based, as the memorandum appeared in the July 2001 Harper's. Please excuse my notes and underlinings from my only copy of the Harper's piece.