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Dear Sylvia,

Thank you very much for your letter of March 6. I appreciated your comments, as well as your moral support. I ~~took~~<sup>showed</sup> the letter to Ed Wegmann, and he expressed appreciation as well. (I met him at a party given by Irvin Dymond, which was in the nature of a celebration party--last Saturday afternoon--somewhat marred by Shaw's re-indictment for perjury.)

I received a letter from Ed Wegmann today in which he makes the following additional comments to yours:

"One more comment is also appropriate, and that is the fact of the obligation of a public prosecutor to protect the innocent and convict the guilty--the obligation of a public prosecutor to divulge and deliver to the defendant evidence favorable to the defendant. Obviously Mr. Garrison is not aware of these obligations."

I also received a letter from Dick Popkin, in which he expresses some consternation about the charges filed against me, and obviously does not quite know what to make of it. He wants me to collaborate with him in an article "assessing the new data that came up" in the trial, relevant to the assassination. This is in fact quite an interesting question to look at, although not quite my field, and I especially have reservations about what Popkin might have to say about it. For instance, on the subject of Clinton, he writes: "If it was Oswald, and it definitely seems to have been, don't you think..." (No I don't.) I would have thought this might be more your field, as I think there were some new disclosures, eg. from Finck, Marina Oswald, Frazier etc.; plus the autopsy hearing in Washington. Frankly, I am not sufficiently well versed in the complications of the autopsy history, and Popkin's suggestion is not really one I have the time or inclination to get into.

I enclose three items: 1. A summary of Garrison's interview tonight on TV by Alec Gifford. 2. A copy of my article on "Corruption in Louisiana", and 3. The first ten pages of a retyped version of a diary I was keeping while working in the DA's office. I imagine you will find the latter to be of some interest. Apart from my lawyer, whom I have given a xerox of the diary, you are the only person I have shown this to. You may show it to people you feel you can rely on to keep the information contained therein to ~~keep~~ themselves, such as Tink Thompson. Ultimately, I think the diary will be about three times the length of the part I am sending you. It is most regrettable that I did not devote more time to this diary, and keep it every day, as it turned out (to me, at any rate,) to be of considerable interest when I re-read it the other day for the first time.

For the next few days I shall be working on a similar chronology of the events of the past 2 months, at the request of my lawyer; it might turn out to be of some importance if I am brought to trial. I shall then continue with the diary. I shall continue to send you carbons of these chronologies, but I must urge you to be discreet about this, as I know you have always been in the past. It is, of course, a relief for me to get copies of this information outside Garrison's jurisdiction.

Incidentally, the Clinton witnesses were to a large extent put together by Lt. Fruge, a state trooper. Bill Gurvich, who was at the above mentioned party, told me that Fruge was very recently fired, but he didn't know for what reason.

All best wishes,

Tom

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Let me add that Clay Shaw expressed a very favorable opinion of you, although he said he disagreed with your views on the assassination.

Talking to him, newsmen and others in the past month, I received the impression that they feel you are just about single-handedly responsible for any responsibility or good sense on the part of the Warren Commission critics. Rosemary James, for one, expressed such a view.

I don't think you should be too depressed about the Garrison affair, because I think intelligent people are capable of distinguishing between the likes of Garrison, and responsible criticism.

Tom.