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Washington DC.,  
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Dear Sylvia,

Here is my memo on the Warren Report, which I said I'd send. I think it is quite good in some ways, although I realise it uses a method you don't think is valid. I think that you carry your line - "we really don't know what happened" too far however. I think I am inclined to place credence in a larger body of the official investigation than you. For instance, I believe that Oswald returned to Irving on the Thursday night, came in to Dallas with a paper bag, left the scene by taxi, was apprehended in the theatre with a pistol on him, and primarily, I believe his gun was found in the TSBD on the 6th floor. Given these items as facts, one can then attempt a reconstruction of the various alternatives to the WR, and one sees just how difficult it is to postulate a plausible variant. Surely the key to the whole thing is in the gun, where was it before the assassination and how did it get into the TSBD?

I note at the top of p.5 I imply you did not know that Mrs DeM. also saw the gun, or said she did. Sorry, that was a mistake, as we had discussed that point. Tink Thompson disagrees with you on the chain of possession of the bullet fragments. He says it is with CE 399 that there is a missing link in the chain, not the fragments.

It has occurred to me that if the fragments are genuinely identifiable as having been fired from Oswald's Carcano, there remains the possibility which I did not discuss that the fragments could have been deposited in the limousine at Parkland, <sup>by a citizen</sup> Can you tell me whether or not this would have been a possibility. I would be very uneasy if I felt that to accept that there was a conspiracy I would have to accept that the SS were a part of it.

As for the Garrison case, I confess I am uneasy. He didn't give me any indication he had by any means solved the case, but then maybe he wasn't letting on. The current Ramparts article is very close to where he is right now, as far as I could gather. One is at a loss to know where Clay Shaw fits in to the picture, however. What is particularly disturbing is that there does not even appear to be any evidence (apart from Russo) that Oswald even knew Ferrie (at least in the summer of 1963).

I don't know what 'Life' are going to do, or when. I suspect that Billings' desire to do a pro-Garrison piece might be coming in for criticism from higher up. That's only a guess.

I expect to be in N.O. on Monday, (address: 638 Royal St. N.O., La., 70130), and I will do my best to get G. to listen to such criticisms as I may have,

Best wishes,

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