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Dear Sylvia,

I hope the page on Lewis arrived in time. I just kept forgetting it as I left the house on Monday and Tuesday, which I suppose one can say amounts to some kind of a psychological block.

I enclose your list of Commission Documents, saying which do not appear at all as CE's, and which appear in part as CE's. This of course does not include those which are entirely published as CE's, and one would assume, therefore, that all the ~~CD's~~ CD's you don't list fall into this category. (CD 3 is the lowest numbered example). In fact, however this correspondence does not entirely hold good, although most of the documents you don't list are published as CE's. I am slowly working on this, but it falls a little bit into the pure research category at this stage.

I enclose also a list I have made up of the classified documents, incorporating the guideline (~~ie~~ ie reason) for classification. You will note some absurdities, such as Mark Lane being classified for reasons of National security. I may try to do an article at some stage on the Classified Documents, so I would appreciate it if you would keep this for your own use, not that it represents any new discovery, but it was quite a bit of work.

I found (in CD 1546, p. 39) a statement to the effect that SA Nat Pinkston was on the 6th floor of the TSBD "immediately after the assassination" which was news to me. This was established in their attempt to find out whose was the mysterious finger print on one of the cardboard boxes. It is therefore surprising that he was not asked about this when he testified to the Commission about the clipboard discovery. What do you think about this? Day and Studebaker didn't get there until 1:12 pm., which one would hardly call "immediately after the assassination". There is also a lengthy statement from Day in this CD explaining about lifting the print from the gun, (which I now find after some searching was published as CE 3145;) Here I was thrown off by one of the worst aspects of the Commission Documents in the Archives - the incredible amount of duplication of material in different documents. In this case CD 1546 contains within its 265 page length CD 1497, only 12 pages long, and clearly marked as being CE 3145. There is, however, no indication on CD 1546 that any of it has been published. Actually, I am coming more and more to realise that practically all the CD's of FBI origin are contained in the bulky Gemberling & Clemments reports. Possibly that's an exaggeration but at any rate many CD's are superfluous.

Which makes me wonder about something else: I bet, on examination, several of the classified CD's would turn out to have been published as CE's. In fact I think the very long CE 2121 on Oswald's visit to Mexico comes from the closely guarded "national security" CD 1084.

Did anyone test the Carcano on the day of the assassination to see if it had been fired that day? I seem to remember reading about that somewhere but can't find confirmation

Best wishes,

Tom.