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Dear Tom,

I can help you with your Archives problem. Last summer several of us considered pooling some money and buying from the Archives all the Commission documents not already published in the 26 volumes. I made up a list of the documents not published and also of the pages not published of those documents published only in part. After I went through the labor of getting up that inventory and circulating it, the others involved failed to make the next move, or even to return the lists I had sent them, so the project died on the vine and I don't even have a copy of the list other than the enclosed one, which I am sending you on loan. You can have it xeroxed and then please return it to me as soon as possible. I think it will save you some duplication. In fact, anyone else who works in the Archives should have a copy of the list--Weisberg, Salandria, and Thompson (but NOT Epstein, who has already profited sufficiently by the labor of others and then showed his appreciation by making despicable denigrating remarks about their work, reading habits, etc.). If you can manage to make several copies, I will supply the others.

Don't worry about my telling anything to Epstein or Jones Harris: they are both on my list of contemptible finks. Harris has my written request not to call me any more (which means only that he calls me much less frequently, but there seems to be no way to persuade him, including my marked coldness and monosyllabic replies or comments) and Epstein is only a huge blob of timidity and would not dare come within five miles of me, after the complete split between us.

About the forged Hidell cards: there is a lot of information (fairly technical) in the Warren Report-proper (Appendix X, pp. 571 ff.). You would have to compare that material against CD 87 and it is a good idea to do so--just to be certain essential data was not omitted. According to my list (enclosed) only part of CD 87 was published in the 26 volumes.

Your comments on Ferrie were written of course long before his death. I must reserve comment on that whole matter because the situation changes from hour to hour and it is hard to judge just what Garrison has. About the Miami police tape, I know only what has appeared in the press--but it certainly is ~~weird~~ weird. About the first time "Hidell" was mentioned on TV--so far as I know, it was never mentioned in New Orleans; and in Dallas, not until Saturday the 23rd of November 1963, when Curry told the press that the rifle had been traced to a purchaser named "A. Hidell." Does that fit in with your information?

Do please stay in touch. And please return the enclosed lists as soon as possible. All the best,

Hurriedly,

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