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Dear Ed,

After we spoke last night I went through Wade's testimony from beginning to end. He makes several references to Oswald's address-book but always in the context of the alleged FBI voucher numbers, and saying several times that he has never seen the notebook. He does not make any reference to the Hosty numbers, even implicitly, so I think you had better use the citation referring to your interview with the lawyer who gave you the information.

I also checked the phonebook for Mary Ann Rowcotsky but there is no listing for anyone with that last name.

As I am typing this, I am trying to listen to the dialogue in "The House on 92nd Street," which happens to be showing on TV this afternoon. We have not reached the "gimmick" yet, unless I missed it.

When you come to New York in April we can go over my tentative outline for the index to your book; then, when the page proofs become available, I will be able to finish the index on a crash basis.

Before then, however, I should go over the new or revised material that was not yet inserted in the copy of the manuscript that I checked. If you get this before your conversation with Mr Asher on Monday, you might arrange for me to get copies of that material.

That's all that occurs to me at the moment.

One may be sure that if Ruby had had a good "alibi" for 5 to 7:30 pm, the Commission would have announced it triumphantly as the reason for dismissing the reports of five witnesses--three of whom were trained observers by profession. As for the two police officers who actually spoke to Ruby during that time-span, creating a real difficulty for the Commission, the Commission has "assumed" (as it did also with Seth Kantor) that the conversations took place, but several hours later than the officers believed. But the Commission, again, did not even ask Ruby, "When did you speak to Eberhardt? When did you speak to Standifer?"

If the actual evidence rather than the Commission's distorted presentation is weighed, it seems perfectly plain that Ruby was at the police building early Friday evening and that he attempted to enter the offices where Oswald was under interrogation. What is not plain is whether Ruby did so as "a curious person who just had to see what was going on in his normal, extraverted self" or whether he had some other dark purpose.