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Dear Mary,

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Mark Allen and for the copy of CD 101b, which I have read with great interest. As requested, I will treat this material as confidential.

Your hypothesis of how the Elsbeth Street address got from the IRS to the Secret Service to Harry Holmes and, via Detectives Carroll or Taylor, to Revill, all within about 30 minutes, is ingenious and persuasive, but there are some contraindications. Mainly, it is a long chain of communication for such a short timespan. Also, Oswald's Irving Street address became known to Fritz and the Dallas Police, as his current address, well before 5 p.m. I would have expected Revill to use that address rather than the older Elsbeth Street crossed-out address. It would be interesting if we could now determine from Holmes if he gave the Elsbeth Street address to either Carroll or Taylor, from one of whom Revill said he had obtained it.

Be that as it may, and even if your theory of the Elsbeth Street address is correct, it still leaves unsolved the mystery of how Fritz got the Beckley Street address, as discussed on pages 91-92 of Accessories.

It is interesting to see in CD 101b, page 1, that Oswald cashed one check at a liquor store. I cannot recall any other instance in which he had any contact with a liquor store. Would such a store cash a check for a total stranger? A very small point...but curious.

I am delighted that you are enjoying Marina so much. Do send me a photograph of her.

Have you read Sherlock Holmes in Dallas by Edmund Aubrey (Dodd, Mead 1980)? It is not bad at all and I am sure you will want it for your library. And have you read Gaeton Fonzi's long article in the Washingtonian? It gives some illuminating glimpses of Blakey and how he ran his show. I am looking forward to Blakey's book, and to Lifton's. Scarecrow Press tells me that the Master Index is selling very well.

Much love, dear Mary.

As ever,