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Mr. Jim Garrison
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Dear Mr. Garrison,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th and especially for the handwritten postscript. I had rather persuaded myself that I was merely contributing to a mountain of mail which you and your staff could not possibly find time to read, and that the greatest help might be not to impose on your scarce time. A surplus of well-meaning, zealous would-be helpers could easily get under foot and in the hair.

For that reason, I have repressed the occasional impulse to rush to the airport and fly to New Orleans--an impulse that was almost irresistible when I heard a tape on which you said, "Let justice be done though the heavens fall." Such words were very exhilarating, after the mealy-mouthed doubletalk and self-righteous nonsense which is our daily affliction. I was delighted also to hear you say, on another tape, that Wesley Liebeler is a fool. I suspect, in addition, that there is a superfluous "e" in his surname.

It is most gratifying to learn that the subject index has been useful. It is now out of print and the possibility of a revised edition is under consideration. The syndicated Allen-and-Scott column had a story in February about a CIA-sponsored subject index to the Warren Commission's records, allegedly issued by a publishing house used as a "front." Since my index is the only one published, it is certain to come under suspicion by readers of the column. Should this mischief find its way to you, please be assured that my index was a completely independent effort. My sentiments toward the CIA are made clear in the chapter from my forthcoming book, "No Conspiracy?" which I sent you in February (rather, it was a sub-chapter called "The Proof of the Plot").

The question of "page 47" is baffling. So far as I can tell, Oswald had only two memo books--an address book (CE 18) and a notebook (CE 105). As you say, the address book is rich in its contents, which include such dazzling items as the phone numbers for Hosty and General Walker. Still, Oswald might have had still another address book. If he did, it is suppressed in its entirety. The lists of classified documents are sometimes misleading, because the correlation between Commission Documents and Commission Exhibits is imprecise and unreliable.

For example, Commission Document 1356 ("Soviet Hunting Societies") is classified as "Secret" for reasons of "national security." Just the same, it is published, as CE 2670. Commission Document 1358, with similar specifications, is CE 2773. It may be that Commission Document 941 in fact corresponds with page 47 of CE 18, which contains a telephone number which the FBI might prefer to go unnoticed--the number of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. The incredible transactions between Oswald and the U.S. Embassy in Moscow between 1959 and 1962 might well inspire the federal authorities to divert attention from the tantalizing question of contacts between Oswald and the Mexico City Embassy.

Thank you again for your very kind letter, which I value greatly. If I can be of any service, at any time, I am completely at your disposal.

Very sincerely yours,

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