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Dear Paul, (Paul Hoch)

Very good to hear from you again, and thanks for the trouble you took in sending me the Alexis Davison material. The notation in Oswald's notebook of the mother's address seems to be one solid link between Oswald and a member or probable member of the US intelligence apparatus in the Soviet Union. The FBI or other agency that interviewed Dr. Davison (CD 409) seems to have done the usual half-assed interrogation. No attention was given to the anachronism in Davison's statement in February 1964 that he had examined a woman thought to be Marina "a few months ago" which in fact ~~must~~ must have been almost two years before the interview. Nor, significantly, did the interviewer bother to ask Davison why he gave his mother's address to the "woman's husband."

The notation is not in itself conclusive, but neither do the interviews with Davison and his mother conclusively dispose of it. Viewed in the context of Oswald's whole State Dept/Soviet Union experience, it remains curious and provocative. You and Jim Schmitt have done a really good job in assembling all this information, and I will not share it with anyone else and will, as you asked, consider the material you sent me strictly confidential.

I will be glad to pay the costs of copying and mailing the Frazier and Finck transcripts, whenever you can conveniently send them. I have no memos or similar material to send you --I have done almost no writing for about a year, since I no longer have much outlet for publication of material and have not developed very much in the way of new information. I have been ordering CDs from the Archives and occasionally have found something of interest. For example, a CD that seems to vindicate the charge made by Joesten in 1964 and subsequently by me, in Accessories, that Oswald was never arraigned for the murder of JFK. This I have shared with Joesten, since he was the first one to raise the question, despite my enormous distaste for his present wild and hardly rational writings.

Some other CDs, which unfortunately I am not at liberty to share, gave me great satisfaction because they corroborated certain assumptions and conclusions I had set forth in Accessories and removed some of the so-called "evidence" that placed Oswald on the sixth floor.

Despite all the set-backs that we critics have suffered, and the considerable mischief done by Garrison to our general credibility, it is interesting and heartening to find in contemporary reportage allusions to the dubious or false nature of the WR. One is in an article in the current (10/13/69) NATION, written by Richard Drinnon; the other, in the Dell paperback, An American Melodrama, by three British reporters (on the 1968 presidential campaign).

The CD on the question of the arraignment is CD 5 page 400. What is most significant about it, in my opinion, is that it points clearly to a collusive fabrication and perjury which implicates the Dallas Police, the FBI (and Hosty specifically), and the WC's members and lawyers. Each is culpable, whether actively or passively, in the invention and the fabrication of a document or documents and in the rendering of perjury or the failure to challenge it.

Incidentally, as I wrote to Dave Lifton when I called his attention to the "Mrs. Hal Davison" entry, there are some definite discrepancies in the pagination of Oswald's address-book (see XVI pages 42, 43, 51).

Thanks again, and best regards.

Sincerely yours,