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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of 12/31, and the paper on Oswald's arrest in New Orleans. I had not previously given much thought to the alternatives to Oswald's unlikely request to see an FBI agent. Certainly I would not be ~~surprised~~ surprised if the police had called in the FBI. I will think about this some more.

Jim Schmitt has done some ~~checking~~ checking on A. Heckman (or Hickman). I'll see if he has any documents in this.

I am enclosing an old memo of mine of the FBI's reporting of Oswald's FPCC activities. There is no doubt that something fishy was going on. After the assassination, the FBI made what appears to be an extensive effort to identify the ~~the~~ third man who may have been handing out leaflets with Oswald and Steele on 8/16/63. The FBI apparently could not find him, and there is little on this in the ~~the~~ Warren Report.

In the last few months, I have heard many bad things about Garrison and his investigation, and very little that is good. Certainly this does no good for any ~~of~~ of the other critics of the Report - I agree with you fully. People like Boxley ~~may~~ may or may not be agents; for that matter, Garrison may or may not be an agent. If I were in the CIA, feeding an interesting but diversionary story to Garrison (~~and~~ and maybe letting him get Ferris and Shaw) would seem like a good idea if it were necessary to take the heat off someone else. Incidentally, I gather that Garrison has not ~~done~~ done some of the basic investigative work, in N.O. or at the Archives, that we all assume he would have done. Quite ~~a~~ distressing.

Sincerely yours,

Paul

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*Enclosures filed in
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