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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of 11/28. I am sending you the microfilm under separate cover. Since I have tried - I hope successfully - to stay out of all the disputes among various critics, I am sure that you understand why I must ask that all of the material in my files, except of course my own work, remain strictly confidential. Take your time with the microfilm; I will let you know if I need it soon, but I do not expect that I will.

If you are in touch with Vince Salandria, please give him my regards. If he would be interested in looking at my work on the microfilm I am sure that something could be arranged.

Since I am distrustful of DA's and politicians in general, I am certainly not about to take Garrison on faith. However, I find much of what he says fairly persuasive. He may well not have the case he claims, but at this point I have no real reason to question his motives. I can see no advantage to be gained from lambasting the CIA as he has done, or from persecuting Shaw, no matter how "vulnerable" (a useful euphemism) Shaw is. Although I think that what Ramsey Clark, NBC and others have done is at least unusual, I am satisfied that Shaw's defense - in and out of court - will be good enough to protect his rights.

Garrison does make factual errors (like everyone else); often he seems at best to be accepting critics' hypotheses as proven facts. I have no reason to believe he knows more about the details of the assassination itself than the rest of us - but that is still quite a bit (especially if Sprague's work on the photos is as good as it seems to be), and quite different from what the Warren Report said. I do expect that he will "expose some CIA operations" in Louisiana, as Novel predicted, although not necessarily directly connected with the assassination (the CDM camp, the activities of Hall, Howard & Seymour, &c). I expect that he will be able to prove substantial contact between Oswald and the CIA-connected anti-Castro groups operating out of 544 Camp. Like you and Popkin, I am willing to wait for the trial.

Incidentally, the memo I sent you about the use of a doctored version of CE 2966A in CE 1412 is obsolete. I have learned that the original handbill had no name or address; there seems to have been a rather gross printing error at the GPO.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul L. Hoch

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A. Archives Materials 262 pages

- ★(1) Correspondence with the National Archives 28 pp.
- (2) Commission Documents from the Archives 134 pp.
- (3) Miscellaneous Documents, Notes on
the Archives, &c. 72 pp.
- (4) Texas State Archives 28 pp.

★B. Memos on research by Paul Hoch, &c. 83 pages

C. Correspondence with critics of the Warren Report 217 pages

- Harold Weisberg 34 pp.
- Tom Bethell et al. 26 pp.
- John Nichols 9 pp.
- Richard Sprague 5 pp.
- Bill Turner 10 pp.
- Vince Salandria 49 pp.
- Sylvia Meagher 13 pp.
- Ed Epstein 20 pp.
- David Lifton 22 pp.
- Others 29 pp.

D. Other Correspondence 67 pages

- ★(1) CIA, FBI, USSS, Jenner, SISS, &c 22 pp.
- (2) CBS, Wyckoff, The Militant, Haseltine,
Bell & Howell 15 pp.
- (3) Other 30 pp.

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