

Filed "Addresses"

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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letter of the 15th, and the kind comments on my review of Belin's book.

CD 948 enclosed, as requested. This is the explanation ~~was~~ which Dulles asked for during Revill's testimony. (Accessories, p. 92) The library card (which is in Bonner's book) does indeed have 602 Elsbeth, with the ~~XXX~~ "2" obscured. I'm not sure I believe the explanation, of course.

In any case CD 948 doesn't remove all the problems relating to the addresses, as you pointed out. I have an early Commission memo which unfortunately is too faint to copy; I think it is now obsolete anyhow. On March 8, 1964, Redlich wrote that "there seems to be considerable uncertainty as to the precise lead which caused the Dallas Police to go to Oswald's rooming house at 1025 N. Beckley. He points out that the lead could not have come from the Paines or from Earlene Roberts, and asks for any information the recipients (Ball, Belin, Hubert, Griffin, and Stern) have on this point.

When I reviewed your section on Hidell, I was reminded of one point that I don't think I have ever heard, concerning the ~~fake~~ fake Hidell draft card. That is, every male over the age of 18 knows that a draft card does not have ~~your~~ your photograph on it. Assuming that Oswald was not quite irrational, there is a hypothesis that makes sense ~~of~~ out of this: he prepared ~~the~~ the card to see if it would be accepted in a ~~six~~ situation when identification as Hidell would be ~~required~~ required. Refer to ~~the~~ the last full paragraph on your page 194. (I will have more on this hypothesis in my book.)

Paul
Sincerely,

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