

August 25, 1979

Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your letters of the 15th and 17th. Here is your original index (Vol. XII), one copy, my newsletter for 8/25, clipping #22 from it; also clipping #1 (astounding), and a note to Jeff re a call to Kostman.

Under separate cover (slow mail), I've sent the 124-page JD list, and the two Inquiry articles (which I think I sent you before). Don't worry about money for the copies; I'll check your balance when I have time. (Which I don't right now!)

Harold has sent me the first 28 pages of a 1514 pages (sic) "Communications Index" to the Dallas FBI files. It's really a chronological summary, by serial number, with a few words describing each item. E.g., "Clark memo (bus driver)." Some of the entries are more informative. I wouldn't mind having this eventually, but it's a bit pricey. (The first copy would have to be made commercially.) I assume Harold is offering it to me for general distribution. How interested are you? My inclination is to ask for the first 400 pages, which would ~~XXXX~~ cover through early 1964. (No need for a quick decision on this. Would ~~kk~~ you like the first 28 pages?)

I haven't heard from anyone else that anyone is doing indexing. (Except a ~~third-hand~~ third-hand, implausible rumor that Mary is.) Specifically, nothing from Gary Owens, in Canada, ~~xxx~~ who was interested earlier.

Re the SBT - I don't think my gut reaction is that it's wrong. But it's hard to isolate, since I do have a strong feeling that there is more to the ~~re~~ medical/physical evidence as a whole than meets the eye. Partly gut reaction, I suppose.

Peter and Tink are quite optimistic about the way the book is going. I'm not that optimistic. Actually, we would like to send the manuscript to you for comments. This could be done in a few days, when we get an expected batch of revisions from Russ in Puerto Rico. There would be two conditions: first, it's for your eyes only, since ~~we~~ even the publishers don't have it all yet. Secondly, we want ~~kk~~ you to be candid and critical. You might prefer calling in or tape recording your comments, rather than writing them. (If you make a tape, I could return it to you easily.) The one publisher's representative ~~x~~ who has seen it so far is enthusiastic, but I'm afraid it's either uninformed enthusiasm, or for the wrong reasons. I know there are ~~xxx~~ things about the ms you won't like - there is little on Oswald, or the lack of a new/strong case against him, for example. But we all feel that your reactions will be very useful to us. So, unless I hear to the contrary from you (by phone), I'll mail the ms by the end of the week.

With best regards,

*Paul*

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