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Dear Dave,

Thanks for your letter of the 20th, which is very tantalizing and mystifying. Sometimes I wonder if I haven't worn my brain out on this case; my thinking isn't very acute these days. I am not sure of the direction to which your questions point and I will have to await your elucidation, whether in an article or a further letter.

Sceptics have never posed the questions you put forward (sceptics of my point of view, I mean)—i.e., why did Ruby shoot Oswald, or, why did Oswald shoot Tippit. What they almost invariably say, even those from whom one expects something better, is why would Robert Kennedy...? or, why would Earl Warren...? It is true that the testimony of a mentally disturbed person is meaningful; but I don't feel convinced that Ruby is or was mentally disturbed or deranged. I have the impression that he was a very shrewd, calculating, cold-blooded ruthless guy who was subject to emotional storms, more often rage than sentimentality, who is still playing the "angles." I can think of many possible reasons why he murdered Oswald; the only reason I cannot possibly accept is the one urged on us by the WC—the random, almost accidental act of sudden impulse. Never.

I was sorry to miss your phone-call last Thursday. I had just paid a \$74.00 phonebill or I would have called you back that evening. However, the shock of writing that check sobered me and I will have to curb my long-distance marathons, to which I had been yielding with increasing recklessness and frequency.

Let me hear from you again, when you can manage, and meanwhile,
warm regards,

Sincerely,