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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks very much for your letters of September 2, and August 31, with your comments and enclosed index.

About Liebeler. His "perceptive mind and sharp exactitude with facts", as you put it, is one of about 3 sides to his character that I find govern his behavior in any situation. In any event, when that one is in the fore, it is very difficult to believe that he is after anything but the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Such, unfortunately, is not the case. However, when that mode of behavior is dominant, or is the operative one, I have found that it is possible to have interesting and critical discussions with him, about the evidence, that are far more revealing and precise than one might have, lets say, with Mark Lane. He's that sharp, in private, on those areas of the case which he has studied. In some of these discussions, a third party would not know, (if he didn't know that Liebeler was formerly with the WC) that he was not some type of very well read Warren Report critic. Sometime, when I can see you in person, I must tell you about my tri-partite model of Wesley J. Liebeler. It is revealing and at the same time humorous enough that his former girlfriend, a law student who used to live around the corner from me, upon hearing it urged that I surely must tell it to him. As of this date, I haven't. But the interesting thing about WJL is that it really isn't enough to say that he's schizophrenic---he's tripartite!

One of the things you will find the edec sessions justify completely, as I'm sure you see now, are the inferences and statements you made in your "wheels within wheels" article.

This past week, I discovered that UCLA has 2 reels of microfilm entitled "Files of EvidenceX Concerning the Investigation of the Assassination of JFK". I have been slowly poring over the reels, and taking notes of those things that interest me. I couldn't resist printing out one item, whichX I enclose. On the reels was the Texas correspondence file of Carr. Is this where you obtained the information quoted in "wheels withinX wheels"? Or did you send for it at Hastin. Is a copy of that bound Carr file available somewhere? If so, could you tell me?

At present, Sighttext is simply selling the book through a mail order that went to 3000 librarians last week. The price is \$17.50 I don't expect that they will receive orders from many individuals except those with a really deep interest in the case. And no one at the firm can predict just how many orders they will get---period. They had a very small first printing and will print more as needed. (Before the second printing, I will take up with them the question of an index, and you will probably be hearing more about this from me in the future). The entire project would never have come off had I not produced over 50 orders for them to start with. There simply would have been no book. For that reason, I am really most indebted to all who placed orders, and am particularly indebted to you for giving me the names you did. Several of those people ordered (I distinctly remember Dilber, Fortel and--I think--a fellow named White) and every order counted. By contrast, the CCI here did NOT furnish me

any names from their mailing list (all other Kennedy committees helped, except Burton's CCI) and conspicuously absent, among orders, was a single order from Ray Marcus, Maggie Field, and Lillian Castellano. Instead, Ray gave me a lecture on the immorality of the free enterprise system and profits, in general, while telling me that he personally wasn't interested in items of this type since it wouldn't and couldn't lead to anything specific and concrete, had no chance of moving the general public to action, etc. All of which was said, contrasting my project to Garrison's investigation, and telling me that my articles in Open City ---which came out the same week the first mailer was sent---were "helping the murderers of John F. Kennedy." At the end of the conversation, he told me that he always knew I was a cat's paw, hung up on me, and I haven't heard from him since.

After the mail order promotion is over, I am thinking of bringing the book to Bantam and urging that the entire exec session transcript, alone, be typeset and a cheap softcover paperback be put out for really mass distribution. As a typeset document, I think the book would be no longer than 150 pages, and, if enough were sold (over 10,000, I think) could be priced at around \$1.

I just called Sighttext and urged that they send a review copy to M.S. Arnoni. As of now, that is the only review copy that has been sent anywhere. This is due to the very high per unit costs involved because of the extremely low number on the press run. All of which would have been changed had they had a large press run. But that would have meant Sighttext taking quite a gamble. At present, it seems that no one has taken any gambles at all, except myself, when I mailed out the mailer---for the facts were that unless I got more than a certain minimum number, I would have had to return the money of all the "hard core" critics with an apology note. That is why I was so appreciative of the list you sent and the orders that resulted. Anyway, I think of the Minority of One as something very special, and have no qualms about talking Sighttext's vice president into sending them a copy. I told him it was a very special audience, that a review had been written and hopefully would be published, etc. So he agreed.

I will send you a xerox of the letter you wanted later this week. I will have to find it, first. I also owe you a letter commenting on the LHO with rifle photos. (I haven't had time to give that the consideration it deserves, yet.)

Thanks for your letters and index.

Best wishes,

David

*P.S. Also enclosed is a copy of the
Sighttext MAILER.*