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Dear David,

Just a quick note to say that the three shipments arrived safely—the Ball/Belin yesterday, and the other two (still unopened) were waiting tonight when I got back from work. I have read about half of the Ball/Belin and when I reached the section on Oswald's movements in the TSBD before the shooting and the account of the various interviews of Charles Givens, I felt that I had had my money's worth, even if nothing else proved to be especially new. I thought I would have a stroke, from sheer indignation, as I read how Givens had said repeatedly that he saw LHO in the domino room at 11:50 a.m., how he NEVER mentioned "forgotten cigarettes" or any return to the 6th floor or any encounter there with LHO. What does this say about Belin, ^{who} took Givens' deposition and never mentioned the conflict between his interviews on 11/22/63 and subsequent weeks and his wholly altered version of events in his testimony? A completely dishonest man and, morally if not legally, an accessory to perjury and collusion by Givens and other parties.

Although it made me verge on hysterical rage, it also gave me a feeling of satisfaction to know that my reconstruction in Accessories (section "The Sixth Floor at Noon") and all my inferences are shown to be absolutely valid and I believe that none of the other critical books had questioned the WR or Givens' testimony on his alleged encounter of LHO on the sixth floor.

Thanks for sending me these shipments, the material will be governed by your request to keep it under wraps for the present. Thanks also for the copy of your letter to Marcus. It is masterful in its argumentation and eloquence and (perhaps for that very reason) may put him on the defensive and thus harden his position even more. I hope I prove to be wrong this time. But a man who considers Flammonde's silly book one of the four most important works clearly has passed way beyond the boundaries of rational judgment (if not of sanity itself).

With thanks and affection,