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Dear David,

Replying to your letter of 9/10/69: I have meant for some time to mention that almost all surface mail is now sent by the Post Office by air. You might send your next letter by surface (6¢ stamp) so I can judge if there is any delay in receipt as compared to your airmail letters, which take two days.

Your Question 1 I am puzzled by your statement that you always thought that the Hosty entry was on the 47th page of Oswald's address book. Is it possible that you have got this confused because of the 4/3/67 radio interview of Garrison by Lane and Mort Sahl, in which there were several references to the "suppression of page 47 of Oswald's address book"? At the time of that broadcast (someone had given me a tape of it) I wrote to Lane with copies to Garrison and Sahl pointing out that page 47 was reproduced in full in CE 18, XVI page 54, and that it was my impression that no pages of the address book had been suppressed.

Lane never replied; but Garrison wrote me the very next day upon receiving his copy of my letter to Lane, giving me a clue to his speed in responding to anything that implied criticism of him (it was the first time I had received a letter from him, although I had written him a number of times in February and March, sending my Subject Index, excerpts from the Ms. of Accessories, and other information which I thought might be helpful, without receiving any response).

Garrison in his letter cited "the latest list of withheld documents (that is to say the latest such list in my possession)" as indicating the suppression of "telephone numbers on the 47th page of Oswald's address book" and as assigning to that suppressed page "Commission Document No. 941." He said also that the classifying agency was the FBI and the guideline for suppression of page 47 was "Classification 2" which was "national security."

Clearly, Garrison was referring to the list of "Classified Documents in Archives" dated March 1967 which, as I recall it, I had received from Paul Hoch, although Garrison said in his letter that the list "was recently obtained by us from the Archives" and went on to say "It seems likely that the page which you have described as having been presented in its entirety (CE 18) is a notebook of his which is apparently quite different from his address book as described in the list of withheld documents."

I then replied to Garrison, saying that so far as I could tell Oswald had only two memo books--an address book (CE 18) and a notebook (CE 105), and that the lists of classified documents were sometimes misleading--for example, CD 1356 "Soviet Hunting Societies" was listed as "Secret" for reasons of "national security" but just the same was published as CE 2670. The same was true of CD 1358, which corresponded to CE 2773. I concluded by saying, "It may be that CD 941 in fact corresponds with page 47 of CE 18, which contains a telephone number which the FBI might prefer to go unnoticed--the number of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. The incredible transactions between Oswald and the U.S. Embassy in Moscow between 1959 and 1962 might well inspire the federal authorities to divert attention from the tantalizing question of contacts between Oswald and the Mexico City Embassy."

So much for page 47 of CE 18, which was not subsequently mentioned by Garrison or Lane in private correspondence but which Garrison continued for some time to cite as a suppressed WC document in his public statements and interviews.

As you say, the Hosty entry appears on page 76 of the address book as in CE 18 and it is certainly puzzling that CD 385 identifies it as "Page 68." I cannot understand this. Even if you give page numbers only to pages which have writing on them, omitting the blank pages, you do not wind up with "Page 68." If the numbers were reversed, then it would appear that 8 pages were missing or suppressed; but as things are, CE 18 seems to have more pages than suggested in CD 385, not less pages. So it is baffling, but perhaps not sinister.

Question 2 Please see Accessories, page 211 (bottom), in re: the Gemberling affidavit. It was not published in the Hearings & Exhibits. I do not know whether anyone has asked the Archivist for this material; nor do I have Paul Hoch's memo on the address book, although I should like to see it if you locate your copy.

Question 3 I suspect that these two Washington addresses/phone numbers are for the Dept of Health Education and Welfare and/or the State Department, or Travelers Aid, since they appear underneath "Isaacs." As you know, when Oswald arrived in NYC by ship from the USSR he was met by Travelers Aid and referred to the NYC Dept of Welfare, to which Isaacs was attached. I hope that your sister can check the addresses out, as I don't have any Washington cross-directory.

Question 4 No, I do not know of anyone who has done a really comprehensive and minute study of the whole address book. As you know, Garrison fooled around with it and produced his preposterous "codes"--which is hardly helpful.

I just noticed something odd. I was looking through CE 18 to locate and point out something that I have always found curious and suspicious--the notation "mother of U.S. Embassy doctor Mrs. Hal Davison 4047 Tuxedo Rd. Atlanta, Georgia" (XVI page 50). How did Oswald come to have enough contact with the U.S. Embassy doctor to take his mother's name and address, and for what purpose? To deliver greetings from her son the doctor, recently met in Moscow? Nothing in the testimony of Snyder and other State Dept or Embassy personnel suggests that there was any occasion on which Oswald had any contact with the Embassy physician; and of course the WC did not follow this up, so far as their published records show.

But that is not the "something odd" I mentioned above. In the course of looking for this entry, I noticed that it appears on "Page 35" followed by three blank pages and then a page with Russian writing on it. That page, which should be numbered "Page 39," is numbered (XVI, page 51) as "Page 41."

Searching further in XVI, page 42, you will find misnumbering of pages 16 and 17 as "Page 14" and "Page 15" but then reversion to the correct sequence on XVI 43. In other words, the WC made a hash of the numeration of the pages of CE 18, apparently incapable even of observing a correct numerical sequence as well as incapable of the right answer to 1 + 2 (Accessories pp 415-416).

Finally, re "Gandy": I have obtained from the Archives pages 423-429 of CD 897, which deals with "Transfer of Property from Dean M. Gandy to Joe A. Tonahill...and Interview of Detective Grady De Witt Gandy Based on Name 'Gandy' Appearing in Lee Harvey Oswald's Address Book." (I cannot xerox these today, which is Saturday, so will merely summarize.) Pages 424-427 deal with a property deal between Tonahill, Dean M. Gandy, and other individuals which seems to be entirely unrelated to the assassination of Ruby. Pages 428-429 consist of an FBI report of an interview on 3/26/64 of Grady De Witt Gandy, detective in the Burglary and Theft Detail of the Dallas Police, by agent Arthur E. Carter. Gandy, according to this report, had known Ruby since 1947, when he was called to the Baker Hotel, Dallas, because a guest had thrown water from his hotel room which hit Jack Ruby on the street. Nothing came of the incident except a misdemeanor charge. Gandy told the FBI agent that Ruby was

a known friend of "a police character known as Joe Bond" since about 1949 and gave further information Ruby's various clubs, delinquencies in complying with local ordinances ("just carelessness on Ruby's part apparently"), etc. (nothing of real interest). The report ends with the following paragraph:

"He said he knew of no reason why the name 'Candy' appeared in the address book of Lee Harvey Oswald. He said he knew of no personal connection between Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald. He also advised he had never visited the Carousel Club when it was operated by Jack Ruby and his only visits to the Vegas Club = were official visits concerning police matters."

So we do not know why Oswald had written "Candy" or "Gondy" in his address book or why he had crossed the name out.

I hope that I have answered all the questions without being unclear about the page numbers etc. Let me know your further thoughts on these matters.

Best, as ever,