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Dear Sylvia:

Penn just called. He says that Charles Hamilton, NY autograph dealer, will have two Jack Ruby letters for sale later this month. Both were smuggled out of the Dallas jail and allegedly implicate LBJ. Penn wonders if you could get down there and read the letters when they are put on ten-day public view prior to sale? Would there be any way to photograph them? If letters stay below \$300, perhaps a group of us could buy them.

Could you send me a copy of Leo Sauvage articles? If Penn doesn't have them, I can photostat for him here.

Yes; I am encouraged by RAMPARTS' interest. I sent for a subscription. Perhaps we should all do this to encourage them and to make sure we don't miss any articles when they start appearing.

Sylvia, what did you make of the Allen and Scott article in which it was stated the Warren Commission members (7) were being called back into session? The reason given is that 4 Congressmen (NU) have required an accounting from the Commission of the \$1.2 million spent during the course of its (the Commission's) investigation. (One half million was spent on printing 26 volumes) But is it necessary to call Warren, Cooper, Russell, Boggs, Ford, Dulles and McCoy back into session for this? Wouldn't this be relegated to some government lawyer and his staff? Is this a "cover" for some REAL problem that has arisen in regard to the assassination story?

Jaffe is personal friend of LBJ. He is mentioned in De Mohrenschildt's testimony as having been a personal friend of the latter and the man who handled one of De M's many divorces. The Brown Brothers (close, close friends of LBJ) are mentioned ~~xxxx~~ in the testimony of the old emigre (established Father Dimitri's church in Dallas, Marina's church where the babies were baptized). I have forgotten his name at the moment. At any rate, De M. was a business associate of the Brown Brothers of Brown & Root, Houston. Thus we have on the one hand an aristocratic former Polish officer (whose father was a friend of the Czars), whose American friendships extend ONLY TO THE ULTRA WEALTHY Texas nouveau riche (Jaffe, Brown Bros.), and yet whose relationship to Lee Oswald (a day laborer) was strangely intimate. It's too much for me. So much genuine democracy in one little old Texas package!

Long letter soon about Marina, R. Paine, Jarman and rifle. Leg still too swollen to put under typewriter table for any length of time. Love, S.

Thanks for the obituary on Earline Roberts. Even in death, she found little peace. Notice how confusing the given addresses are. In the Dallas News item, her address is given as W. Woodin Street; in the obit, her address is given as G-ston Street; in the Dallas phone book (1964) her address is given as Marvin Street, but in her testimony to the Commission, she gives her address as 5000 Tremont (April, 1964). Poor Earline. She really moved around a lot.

When I talked to Mr. Johnson (August, 1964) he ~~xxxxxx~~ said she was highly nervous. I reread the testimony the other day and remembered she was nearly blind. Her story of the police car that pulled up outside the rooming house and honked its horn simultaneous with Lee's entry into the living room is interesting.

Have you come across the address for Bertha Cheeks HOLIDAY APTS. anywhere? Is this the same as the HOLIDAY HILLS APTS, owned 50% by Lamar Hunt? I doubt it. Still, there is no HOLIDAY APTS. listed in the Dallas white or yellow pages, only the HOLIDAY HILLS APTS.

Andy Armstrong, Jack Ruby's alibi for Larry Craftard, worked at HOLIDAY HILLS before working for Ruby. Sheriff Decker's eagerness to clear the narcotics record blot off Andy's record is sweet and charming in a city like Dallas where it is most unusual to find the county's white sheriff taking such a paternal interest in the life and hard times of a Negro crook like Armstrong. I have no doubt, by the way, that Officer Tippit was involved in narcotics. Notice in Curry's testimony, Allen Dulles asks Curry: A story has come to our ears that Tippit was involved in narcotics. Could you tell us about that?

And Dallas Police Chief Curry makes big his baby-blue eyes and replied: Why, gosh, golly, gee, no, Mr. Dulles. No, siree. None of my boys can't hardly ever no how get mixed up with anything naughty. We are Dallas police, sir. We are proud men.

And Dulles (the great international public eye) smiles and says: Well, gosh, golly, gee, Chief Curry. Forgive me for even asking. Why everybody in his right mind knows that no red-blooded, clean-cut member of the John Birching, Ku Klux Klanning, Minute Manning Dallas police force would ever do a naughty like running narcotics over the Mexican border, even if Volume 23 of our authoritative, definitive, finest-piece of-detective-work-in-the-world Warren Report PROVES that Jack Ruby, for example, who was a friend of Officer Tippit ran narcotics over the Mexican border into Dallas time and time again. By gum. Let's just not talk about Officer Tippit ever again.

And, of course, they don't.