

Just received your letter at P.O. Will try to get "TIME" today - cannot justify RZA either. Am really angry. I have worked too hard & too long to be made a fool of without a little fight of some kind!

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Sylvia:

Just got TMO. I think your article is fine. Tell Sauvage to go pee up a rope. I don't know what he means by too much detail. Did you see BETWEEN TWO ASSASSINATIONS editorial in Sept. TMO? Editor stresses that all ideas, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, of all researchers, must be considered.

Have talked to Ruth about Nov. 9th trip to licence bureau. It does not seem reasonable to her that Lee was out of her sight. On the other hand, familiar as I am with Ruth's ability to say what should be said at a particular time (under oath or not), I have thought often that Lee could have walked in to bureau, saying to Marina and Ruth: Go shop for an hour. It will take me at least an hour.

Then after Ruth had driven away Lee would discover bureau closed for election. And decide to pass the time looking at automobiles.

I have been to the Bogard garage; it is close enough to Oak Cliff bureau, but not really that close. I think Lee would have had to come over the Houston Street Viaduct; he may have taken a cab, but I think this unlikely for Lee Oswald.

It could have been one of those coincidences that I am sure dot the landscape of all life, and in particular the assassination story. I have thought: Was Lee being pinned? Had he said to someone (who?) "Tomorrow I am going to get my licence" and this suggestion then <sup>GAVE</sup> impetus to the idea of pinning the idiotic Mr. Oswald to a pre-assassination escape car purchase?

Of course, one of my little half-mad ideas is that the purchase of the third car by Michael Paine in November was really a surveillance couple purchase for Lee. Lee could conceivably afford a car such as the Paine third car, but if he hadn't the money, he just hadn't the money; and Michael would have to furnish the funds for him. Besides, Lee had a dread of the defector incident opening up. Remember, this had received wide local coverage in the Dallas-Fort Worth papers. If Lee got a car under his own name, he may run into trouble with a finance company. But Michael could easily get him one (Marina wanted one very much); the question is: under whose name was the car registered? The Paines held on to it for so damn long, never using it, that I have worried over the registration. It is an odd coincidence (again!) that Michael's car which fell ill in November (~~the~~ illness of which precipitated the purchase of the third car) made such a strident recovery immediately after. Nor did I understand the car-shifting bit. If the car was for Michael (as Ruth insists) then why did

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Michael drive it from work (miles away from Irving) to Ruth's? My mind has gone blank on his name, but the kookie friend of Michael's, the spy-conscious nit-wit, the dope who wanted Michael to call the police immediately about Lee on Nov. 22, this creep was asked by Michael to drive to Irving so that he could pick Paine up after Paine had delivered the car to Irving. Yet, the car was for Michael. This hardly makes sense. However, sense or not, the Commission never asked questions on the subject. Instead, Jenner spent all his free time measuring the trees in Ruth's back yard. I didn't mind him measuring the trees in the front yard because of the FBI (Hosty) licence plate incident, but the tress in the backyard!!!!

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At any rate, I think the car was for Lee. So it seems to me the Bogard story is a second Oswald possibility rather than Lee's *personal* activity.

Another small point: why do so many persist in calling Lee "Harvey Lee Oswald"? The NY Times in a recent story (on Whitman) mentioned that Stubblefield was called in on the Oswald case (Stubblefield was also Walker's friendly psychiatrist after Oxford, attesting to the latter's sanity) and named Lee as "Harvey Lee". The author of the article was Martin Waldron. This triggerend in my mind the fact that Ruth Paine often spoke (to me) of Lee as "Harvey Lee". I suppose there is an easy explanation. Marguerite, who has a strong affection for the memory of Robert E. Lee, named Robert "Lee"; yet when the second one came along, she seemingly reversed the names to "Lee" Harvey. Well, here I am again with very immaterial points.

Incidentally, the thrid car of the Paines rather fits the description given by Whitmore on the car in front of the furnitur shop. There are discrepancies, of course; but this could be faulty memory. There are certainly similarities.

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I must stop. Oh, one other question: why did Tippit have an unlisted phone number? Is there a reason for this? Do many police do this?

*She is an excellent witness)*

Sylvia, money (check) enclosed for The Second Oswald, Avon Books, ninety-five cents. I can't get this in Tulsa. I am told that NY book (magazine) stands will have it and that if I am to have it at all, a NY friend had better send it to me. Could you do this without too much trouble? I'd appreciate it.

Who is Maggie Fields? Did you see her letter in TMO? I know exactly how she felt. I think we all felt horribly alone at first. War is coming; full scale war. This may hold down for awhile the final answer to Daalas. But we can't quit now regardless. Keep working, keep writing, keep your spirits up. Much love, S.