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Dear Mrs. Cann,

Lee Harvey Oswald's childhood is discussed in the Warren Commission Hearings in 1H (Volume I) pages 126-263 (Marguerite Oswald) and 1H 264-468 (Robert Oswald); 8H 4-183 (relatives and acquaintances); and 11H 1-81 (John Pic, half-brother).

His medical/psychiatric status is discussed in the Warren Report pages 379-382, 677, and 692; 1H 228-30; 2H 333; 7H 330; 8H 202-214 (probation officer Carro), 8H 214-224 (psychiatrist, Hartogs); 8H 224-228 (social worker, Siegel). See also Volumes XIX-XXI, Carro Exhibit, Hartogs Exhibit, and Siegel Exhibit. Medical records are in Commission Exhibits No. 985 and 1383; and an analysis of reading disability by Dr. Harold Rome of the Mayo Clinic is in CE 3134.

Dr. Renatus Hartogs' book Two Assassins, published in 1966, is no doubt already known to you and is readily available in libraries. There is undoubtedly a body of such books, articles and professional papers of this type but I have never troubled to keep a record of any of them which were mentioned from time to time in the press, nor have I expended time in reading such material, except for the Hartogs book.

Studies of Oswald's childhood and so-called "psychiatric problem" (which I regard as more probably emotional problems resulting from real and external circumstances, and modest in degree in relation to the situational provocations) can only be predicated on the assumption that he was, as charged by the Warren Commission, implicated in the assassination, or the uncritical belief that he was the "lone assassin." Since I am certain that Oswald was not a "lone assassin" and I have the most serious doubt that he was in any way implicated, I can only regard studies of that type as founded on a fundamental fallacy, capable of yielding nothing but spurious results, and a disservice to historical as well as psychological or clinical investigation.

I have no wish to facilitate a study of this kind but my index is a matter of published record and to withhold the references cited above would serve no purpose except to give you extra work in obtaining them elsewhere.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,