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Mr. James E. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore,

I have read attentively your recent undated letter and have examined and tried objectively to evaluate the enclosures.

The handwriting sample does not appear to me to be the handwriting of Lee Harvey Oswald and I note that the handwriting expert who was consulted does not categorically identify the writing as his.

Moreover, the contents of the handwriting on the frontpiece does not ring true to me as Oswald's known style of writing. In fact, the whole thing gives me the impression of a fairly clever attempt to imitate Oswald and to incriminate him. There is nothing to indicate that the book "Dynasty--The Longs of Louisiana" was ever in Oswald's possession. Moreover, to the best of my recollection, Oswald did not annotate any of the books known to belong to him or known to have been borrowed by him from public libraries.

As you probably know, the resurgence of interest in the JFK assassination has stimulated the circulation of much "disinformation" of a mischievous, sophistical, or deceptive nature. I suspect that this "evidence" may fall into that category. You perhaps realize from your reading of my work that I believe that Oswald was wholly innocent of the assassination and that he had no foreknowledge of it. That conviction, admittedly, influences my evaluation of this handwriting sample.

In any case, I could not in good conscience transmit this material to the House Select Committee with the implication that I consider it of possible authenticity. I am sorry to disappoint you in that respect. Naturally, you are certainly free to transmit the material yourself; but so far as I am concerned, it is almost certainly a fabrication carried out in an attempt to incriminate Oswald when the weight of the total evidence seems to me to exonerate him.

If you wish, I will mail back the material enclosed with your letter. Please let me know. I will of course be glad to autograph your copy of my book.

With thanks and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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