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Dear Mr. Kokovikas,

Thank you for your kind remarks about my appearance on the Jack McKinney radio program. I hope that you will understand that time pressure does not permit me to undertake a search in the Hearings and Exhibits for information responding to each of your specific questions. However, I am happy to give you as much information as I can based on recollection of the material in the 26 volumes.

The Warren Report indicates that Ruby made only one trip to Havana, sometime in 1959, but acknowledges uncertainty about the date and therefore the possibility, at least, that there may have been more than one trip. My recollection is that I noted some documents among the Exhibits that indicated more than a single trip to Havana, but I am not certain of the dates. However, I found no indication of any trips to Cuba by Ruby after the time that his friend, Lewis MacWillie, was compelled to give up his gambling casino in Havana and to return to the U.S. In other words, it is my impression that MacWillie—and Ruby, by implication—became persona non grata by the end of 1959, and that they both felt opposed to the Castro regime. There are certain indications in the exhibits and testimony that Ruby may have been helping the anti-Castro underground.

Mrs. Thelma Marks was not called to testify before the Warren Commission. It may be that the documents include an FBI interview with her but if so I am afraid I do not remember it.

My recollection is that letters from Alexander Ziger, with English translations, appear in Volume XVI of the Hearings and Exhibits but that the contents are innocuous. No; there is no indication of what happened to Rosa Kuznetsova, the Intourist guide. I would assume that she is still working for Intourist, unless you have information to the contrary.

So far as I know, no fingerprints were taken from Oswald's body in the morgue. However, he was fingerprinted by the Dallas Police on the night of the assassination and my recollection is that those fingerprints were compared with his Marine Corps prints and found identical—at least, that is my inference from the documents. I believe the question never came up explicitly.

If you have access to a public library that is relatively large, I believe you might be able to consult the 26 volumes; many libraries have the volumes, also some university libraries.

Finally, I should like to explain that I have studied the official records in this case as objectively and impartially as was within my power, seeking to put aside preconceptions and conscious or unconscious bias. Although study has led me to the impression that there was or might well have been a conspiracy behind the Dallas carnage, I have found little to suggest that it was a conspiracy either engineered or covered up by Communists. Such pointers as there are seem to point in a different direction. We must all wait and see where the truth leads us. To do research with a strong preconception endangers the validity of the findings, as we have seen already in the Warren Report. Again, my thanks for your kind letter.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Meagher