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Dear Fred, (Newcomb)

Many thanks for the posters (which arrived in pristine condition, this time, and bemused the one visitor who has thus far seen your handiwork) and your letter of the 15th with the enclosed article on Greer and Kellerman, and the mystery of the radio that didn't go beep (lost its kill-o-cycle?).

I don't quite know what to make of it. My impression of K and G as two rather slow-witted, slow-moving sincerely stupid types is so deep-seated that I have trouble seeing them as sinister conspirators. It would be a small miracle if everyone had a clear and accurate recollection of exactly what he and others did or did not do in the chaotic moments immediately after the shooting. You expect a certain amount of confusion and contradiction, some genuinely distorted memory. What bothers me is that the Bell film should be in conflict with the several independent accounts of the motorcycle officer, Chaney by all accounts, moving out of position to tell Curry what had happened. Curry, Lawson, Hargis, Sorrels, and (in the press, if I recall it) Chaney himself, as well as hearsay testimony from M.L. Baker (3H 266), Of course, they could all be lying—but to what purpose? what does it really accomplish? at a cost of (presumably) inducing perjury and collusion among five or six witnesses?

Lifton, being something of a Sherlock, apparently has deduced from my failure to make any response to his last four or five letters that our "cooperation" is ended. I am relieved that he has stopped writing and that there have been no phone-calls. I think we will never see any book from him—he will still be working on his definitive expose when he is an old gentleman collecting social security and a few new clues.

Have you read Garrison's book? He is listed for a talk-program on radio tonight and another one next week, to promote his book (two-thirds of which reads like it came straight out of Vince Salandria and members of his Philadelphia entourage). One ~~was~~ particular statement in the book (dealing with LHO's 1963 passport) is wholly untrue; to add insult to injury, it is attributed to Accessories, where it does not appear in any manner shape or form.

I'm not sure what you mean when you refer to a log of 38 hours of radio/TV broadcasts. Earlier this year I obtained from Lifton an outline of radio broadcasts on all Dallas/Fort Worth stations 11-22 through 11-24-63. Is it that sort of thing? Which stations? Are you sure it will not be too much trouble to send? Of course I would love to have it, in written transcript rather than tape, but let me pay the costs (assuming they are reasonable). Maybe the best thing would be to send me a specimen page or two and then I can decide.

I have an 8 p.m. committee meeting at the UN tonight, so I had best close now and get ready for the rest of my 18-hour day. Best to you and Marlynn,

As ever,

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P.S. You haven't mentioned l'affaire Paul Hoch. I hope he chokes on a watermelon seed.