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Dear Jerry,

We haven't written in a long time, and I have wondered, now and then, just how you were getting along.

This weekend, Paul Hoch visited me in Los Angeles, and spent two nights at my place. I am in very steady contact with ~~XXXX~~ Paul by phone (I can call him free on a UC-L.A./UC-Berkeley tie-line, to which I have unlimited access); but it was the first time we'd seen each other in 6 years.

During the course of our continuous rap sessions, he took out of his briefcase a file re the Lattimer 1972 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ autopsy exam, and that file contain several items which he said I might be able to get from you.

Jo Jo.

I would like very much to, if at all possible. The items are:

- 1) transcript of Lattimer, on Nebel show
- 2) transcript of Wecht, on Nebel show
- 3) a chicago dailey news clip, re Lattimer.
- 4) Medical World News...3 13 70; vol II no. 11(1r to,reply by Lattimer)

Also in Paul's file were a group of interesting reprints of articles Lattimer has written. A ~~XXXXXX~~ of mine who is a Phd in physics, employed by City of Hope Medical Center, ~~XX~~ will be writing for them.

Paul tells me you work for Metromedia, now~~X~~. Could you supply some more details? Is this full or part time? Doing what? ~~XXXX~~  
~~XX~~ Are you in a position to explore their newsfilm holdings re the JFK case? (I have in mind the Dr. Shaw news conference, in which he says, on Friday afternoon, about 3:30, that "the bullet is still in the leg" etc.)

I am bringing to completion my own work. Recently, I have done almost nothing but writing, generating manuscript. Then, back to administrative tasks, research etc. I don't think there is any question but that I will get a really good publisher for my manuscript, and am involved with an excellent contact right now. Delays involved have been mostly mine----for various reasons, some personal, some connected with the work.

I have done quite a bit of travelling the past year. Last February, I went east for 30 days. I spent a good ~~X~~ 2-3 weeks at the Archives, where I hibernated, and did an enourmous job on ~~XXXX~~ all the Warren Commission working papers, and ~~XXXX~~ all the office files of all the staff members. ~~X~~ I came back with 15 hours of dictation, which transcribed out to a notebook of 300 pp., single spaced; plus \$175 worth of internal memos, plus some pages of CD's. My emphasis, during my visit, was almost entirely on how the Commission operated, and, for example, I had no time to spend with the just released 1970 material---which, by the way, Paul brought down with him and which, while he was down here,

I made a copy of.

(Please excuse terrible sentence structure. I'm pooped!)

I was in New York City for a week, spending almost all my time up at AP and UPI, poring over various materials, and begging for permission to copy various things, so the part of my book dealing with how things were reported, at the time, can be "actual" as well as "factual". As you may now, original teleprinter output carries the time stamp, although the story, as assembled for the next days paper, has all the paragraphs simply arranged in one story.

The spare time I had in New York I spent entirely with my family and, even still, between the archives and New York, barely had enough time to still fly back under that 30 day plan.

I almost called you up, but then decided that in order not to offend anybody, I would just call nobody. The result was that despite my travelling, I saw not a single critic. (I did, by the way, get to spend an entire evening in the home of William Greer. Very interesting.)

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Last November, I took another trip. Finally, I went to Dallas. I spent 5 days there. They were absolutely fascinating and action packed. I ~~xxxxx~~ went with a close friend whose super-interested in the case, and we stayed at an inexpensive motel. Also, we rented a car. But besides that----no socializing with anybody. ~~xxxxx~~ From morning to night, our day was filled. I really got a feel for that town, the parade route, where Oswald lived, etc. Plus the usual Dealey Plaza geometry.

Also, while there, I managed to have in person interviews with Mary Moorman, Franzen, Chism, and the Newmans. I even located Mrs. Zapruder and had a talk with her, but not in person. (My parents met her in a Mexican resort, recently, and I started the conversation with that.)

I drove in from the airport at 7 o'clock on Thanksgiving Morning. It was just incredible. Being a holiday, there was hardly a car on the streets. The place was just deserted; it was like a stage set. We drove in on the motorcade route, with the radio log open in front of us, sort of "reconstructing" it.

While in Dallas, I also was allowed up in the Railroad Tower, and even allowed to take pictures from up there.

I came back exhausted, with some new filled notebooks, and with various tapes. And, for good measure, on our last evening, we went to Fort Worth, visited various points of interest, and drove the parade route there.

Although I'm very tired now, I did want to write you, and this, very roughly, is an attempt to bring you up to date. When I come to New York next, I promise that I will definitely be in touch. And I will be doing that. There is going to be a lot more traveling involved as I wrap this up.

Meanwhile, let me hear from you. I'm as active as ever. I'm doing this work full time, and will be until its completed.

If there is anything further in the nature of autopsy reviews, by all means keep me on your mailing list. I keep track of as much as I can, and I'm always in contact with Paul----but I would never have known of a Lattimer appearance on Nebel, if I didn't ~~XXXXXX~~ learn of it from a person like yourself.

*[Did you get transcript of his appearance on CBS new?]*  
Incidentally, apparently we have the same taste in documentaries.

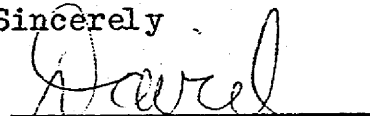
When Paul was down here, he inquired if I had seen the NBC White Paper on Vietnam, and told me that you had sent him a transcript.

It was one of the most fantastic shows I have ever seen, especially part II. I wrote this long and complimentary letter, which went out the day part II screened, and I got big beautiful thick transcripts of both shows. I was delighted to get them.

Besides the items I specifically asked for on page 1 of this letter, I am generally just interested in how things are going with you, where you are working and in what capacity etc.

Let me hear!

Sincerely



David Lifton

P.S. I don't know if you are fully familiar with how careful Paul is with evidence and allegations. Very conservative, as you may know. Well, he and I went to dinner at my girlfriend's house, and her roommate's boyfriend had just driven down from San Francisco, for a visit. He was describing how ~~the~~ the hitchhikers were standing on clumps, at various points along the route, with these signs, which read: "Help, standing here since 8 A.M."

Paul interjects: "Allegedly since 8 A.M."