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Mr. Vincent J. Salandria
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Dear Vince,

Many, many thanks for writing to Rhoads and ordering the microfilms for me. I am enclosing my check for \$33.40. Maybe I will take the whole plunge and buy myself a microfilm projector. Can you tell me what type of store carries such equipment?

Nothing much has happened since we saw each other on Saturday. It was good to see you and Livvie again; and the assorted gentlemen and scholars too. If they are really getting down to work, I hope that they will investigate the feasibility of fabrication of the palmprint on the rifle barrel (I may add a chapter to my overloaded book, if it turns out that the markings purported to "authenticate" the lift of the palmprint could have been superimposed). They might also investigate the possibility of a Mercador test—i.e., look for the distortions which would appear in the lines of the palm if palm is curved around an object rather than laid flat on a flat surface like a carton. Ed Epstein told me that such a test was urged by two of the lawyers who were suspicious of the palmprint; but the FBI did not carry it out, instead they certified that the rifle markings were duplicated on the lift.

Of course it may be that the Mercador test was done but that the results were not the kind they were looking for.

Ed tells me also that the big wave of publicity is still to come; tremendous interest is being manifested on all levels, including foreign publications. The book is being taken very seriously; one top writer is going to demand reconvening of the investigation, as soon as the NY Herald-Trib resumes publication.

I wish you would have a talk with Ed. For whatever my judgment is worth, I am absolutely convinced that he is fighting against, not for, the Establishment—admittedly, in his own way.

I will transmit the messages to Susan; she loves the Salandrias, in case you didn't know. As for myself, I can only say that I wish you would move to West 12 Street in New York, so I could see something of you and Livvie, like every night. My fondest affection to you both, and to Ernie—I'm sorry we missed seeing him. And again, heartfelt thanks for sending for the documents.

Love,