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Dear Dan,

Sorry I have gotten so far behind in my correspondence. I await further news from you about Theissing. It is interesting that there are papers about him in the National Archives. Now the problem is what are they?

I've been very very busy both with the case and with academic matters, since I've been speaking everywhere on everything. Casewise, I'm getting a paper together for the New York Review of Books on the Garrison investigation. It should be ready next month. I've been down to New Orleans twice and have had several meetings with Garrison, and I'm very very impressed. He definitely seems to know what he is doing, and seems to have the evidence. In New Orleans even Shaw's best friends, some of whom I have talked to, concede that Garrison will convict Shaw because Garrison just doesn't lose cases. But it seems to me that he has found out lots of new things, and can establish the development of a conspiracy by Shaw, Ferrie and friends that culminates in Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963. And, fortunately, the second Oswald matter seems to fit into his evidence, though I think that by the time he gets done both Oswald and second Oswald will become minor characters, since they didn't plan the events. I notice that there seems to be an attempt already to get the public ready for the shock of Shaw's impending conviction with a combination Garrison-Warren Commission theory, namely that Shaw, Ferrie and co. conspired madly in New Orleans, that Oswald heard their plans and went off and did it all by himself. My guess is that this theory will get more and more popular, but will collapse once Garrison tells the world what he has found out.

Besides the New Orleans side of the story the only new "data" I've gotten is from meeting a doctor at a party who was involved in the goat experiments with Olivier, Dzemian and Light. The doctor was very very suspicious of the Warren Commission claims though I could never quite find out why, since he kept telling me that information about the tests was confidential. He seemed sure that Humes and Boswell were incompetent and botched the autopsy.

What's new on your front? I hope we'll see each other again while I'm east. I keep flying over Philadelphia, but never going through it. Maybe after school is out we'll drige up again. How long will you be there?

Best regards to Tink and Salandria

Yours,

Dick

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Yours,
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P.S. Did you see the press release of Rep. Kefferman of 4/13/67 with the government reasons why he & two top pathologists couldn't see the autopsy pictures?

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4/27/67

A NEWSPAPER LINKS 'PLOT' FIGURE TO C.I.A.

NEW ORLEANS, April 26 (AP)—The New Orleans States Item said Tuesday in a copy righted story there was mounting evidence of Central Intelligence Agency links in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

"At least one Garrison probe figure intends to use C.I.A. connections as part of his defense," the newspaper said. The story said "still others linked to the Garrison investigation have been named as acting for the super-secret espionage organization—as informers, as couriers and munitions carriers."

Gordon Novel, the 29-year-old former bar owner in the French Quarter, who is fighting extradition from Ohio to Louisiana, was named as having the strongest ties to the intelligence agency.

The newspaper said Mr. Novel had told intimates "he was a C.I.A. operative and will use this role to battle Garrison's charges."

Mr. Novel is free on \$10,000 bond in Columbus, Ohio, after his arrest on a Louisiana warrant that he helped plan the burglary of an oilfield explosive bunker near Houma in 1941.

He has referred to the alleged bunker burglary as "the most patriotic burglary in history," according to the paper. He has told associates, the newspaper said, that the munitions burglary was "a war materials pickup made at the di-

OMAHA, April 25 (UPI)—A fugitive from justice complaint filed against Mrs. Lillie McMaines in the New Orleans investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, was dismissed in Municipal Court Tues-