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Dear Sylvia,

Delayed in reproducing Time piece. Will you do it, please, and send me a copy, please?

Some thoughts:

- ① Fensterwald and O'Toole article in NY Review of Books definitely established reality of a "second Oswald." Distances rejected by W.C. must be related to this fact. Moreover and more much more important - all references to "Oswald" must now be examined to see to which Oswald they are relevant. E.g. O's letter to FBI. If by the real O then compatible with note book entry and hostility to Hooper during interrogation. But FBI says letter destroyed (a la Frey in Watergate) and stories followed about the letter containing threats to blow up the police headquarters. The first theme tends to exculpate FBI - O not dangerous. Second theme tends to implicate FBI and may have origin in CIA, which advised FBI et al on 11/27/63 of existence of a second Oswald.

But such analysis possible only on understanding of government as a congeries of conflicting interests, institutions, and individuals in an cease conflict

2 Second "given" - O innocent. His political life decisive. Gives answer to O as FBI, CIA agent, informant. O innocent = frame up, cover up. This is starting point, not conclusion of internal examination of evidence. Sacco & Vanzetti innocent not because evidence was spurious. Moral / political life course decisive - V pleaded not guilty to crimes which "society forbids" but also to those which "society allows." O not innocent because Lane ridicules ~~Commission~~ Commission rifle-purchase story or Groden finds sinister shadows in books or Wecht discrepancies in medical ballistic evidence. O innocent because consistent adherence to Marxist ideas despite disillusionment with S.U. did not reconcile him to capitalist America and proachment of patient waiting precluded degenerate protest exploits as an individual. With approach of O innocent possibility of adumbrating frame up + comprehending roles of various individuals.

3 Reinvestigation by Congress will probably be headed off by demise of CIA covert activities. Front page press, my Times ab. 2 weeks ago or less on novel attacks being trained to cope with terrorism in foreign countries foreshadowed later "logic" Ford considering discontinuing CIA covert activities and validating earliest affirmation such activities must

continue. Present clamor to reopen a club  
vs CIA. CIA gives ground clamor dies. On  
investigation a la Rockefeller Comm. W.C. In  
any case impossible government body proclaim  
government framed innocent working class  
Marxist in order to shield conspirators removing  
obstacle to military adventure in southeast Asia.

4 Interesting that as clamor for reinvestigation  
approaches climax some material tending  
to vindicate O purifies Ruth Paine's name also  
purifies again. O innocence bad for her reputation.  
Started to work to her. Struck. Perhaps on  
return will complete project of reading all  
her testimony and critics' comment. Would  
appreciate if you would dash off points  
I should look for. Would be great help.

5 Disappointed no comment from anyone on  
Selbert-O'Neill receipt for missile. Cannot  
understand total ~~ignoring~~ ignoring it; worse than  
neglect of evidential importance Z film.  
Receipt in folder in Archives must have been seen  
by many. No reference to it. Incredible. Yet,  
just possibly, it could spring all the media-  
bullshit evidence into a cocked hat. If your  
book reprinted!

Thomas

between CIA + FBI outdates and continues beyond 1963. FBI charged with fighting crime; reputation built on was against underworld (Untouchables, FBI, etc. ad nauseam); CIA collaborates with underworld to transport and distribute narcotics and to assassinate political targets. Impossible that assassination engineering involving these government would not impact on conflict and on contesting Federal agencies. With that thought firmly in mind, as given a la Euclidean theorem all "evidence" must be put through sieve of sceptical political analysis. And possibility must be kept in mind that conflict not only between agencies but also within agencies. Not impossible CIA penetrated FBI, *vice versa*. Also military and CIA intertwined, and CIA and economic interests collaborate.