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Dear Tony,

Thanks for returning the Burkley death certificate. As you know, Harold Weisberg obtained it unofficially from the Secret Service, a good few years ago. The copy he obtained did not have any identifying number or symbol. It is possible that the same death certificate was subsequently declassified and made available in the National Archives, in which case it should have a Warren Commission "CD" number. You might ask the National Archives if that is so. If not, I think it would be appropriate to cite as the source of the certificate "Secret Service Archives", as you yourself suggested.

As to the witnesses to the Mexico City visit, I have only those documents that were published in the Warren Commission Hearings and Exhibits; I do not have any CIA documents. A number of the critics have given special attention to the Mexico City visit. Paul Hoch would, I think, be the best source for documentation. I know that he did obtain various CIA documents, which may include Mexico City material. Harold Weisberg also is likely to have much documentation on that aspect of the case. Offhand, I cannot think of anyone else who might be helpful on this score.

Another good source should be the report of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, when it is published. As you know, the Committee took testimony or affidavits from officials of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City and I assume also looked into CIA aspects, such as the photograph of the still-unidentified man who was initially misidentified as Oswald. However, the Committee's report will not become available until April.

I am looking forward to your visit and to reading your manuscript. It goes without saying that I will be glad to spend time with you, if you think that would be useful, but I should enter one caveat---that is, that I have not worked actively on the case since 1971 and have become somewhat rusty in my command of the facts and the literature. I will do my best to be helpful.

All the best,

As ever,

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