

18 August 1967

Dear Tink,

You will remember that when I read your manuscript last month I suggested that the list of witnesses in your appendix should be checked against Mark Lane's list and other sources. I finally had some free time to do this, and enclose the results.

Probably all or most of these witnesses are useless for the purposes of your "profile." However, since their names are published in Lane's book or elsewhere, you might wish to add an explanatory note indicating that while the names of these seventy additional witnesses are known, they were not questioned by any investigatory authority, or questioned so superficially as not to elicit significant data.

How are things going? I suppose the lady who kindly took us to lunch has reached you by now (Dorothy Mattimore). I was reluctant to give her your number but did not see how I could refuse. She can be quite a noodnik. Actually, I had the impression that she had called me in the hope that I would intercede with Geis to purchase her radio package. I made it clear that not only would I not contemplate such a course of action but that I was not especially impressed by Bobbs-Merrill's decision to promote my book by these means. I think she finds it hard to believe that the author of a forthcoming book does not spend 11 hours 45 minutes a day thinking of how to get publicity. Recalling that she maintains a warm friendship with Harold Weisberg, this becomes understandable.

I wonder what grounds he will find for claiming that nothing in your book, or mine, did not originate with him. Whitewash IV is about to emerge from the womb ("Oswald in New Orleans") with an introduction by Garrison, if he finds time to write it. A perfect marriage between megalomania and paranoia; but don't repeat this to Vince, it will make him weep. As I understand his post-New Orleans-visit position, it is that (a) Garrison's "evidence" is dismaying, he has no case; but (b) he is a beautiful and noble soul whom no one should criticize. I am still convalescing from the trauma of being asked what makes me so sure that Clay Shaw is innocent. Hell, I even think Dean Andrews is innocent!

Warm regards,

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Brooks, Jack, 17H 616
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Case, Edna, 22H 639
Chaney, James M., 3H 266
Cormier, Frank, 21H 423
Darnell, James, 6H 167
Decker, Mrs. J.E. 7H 545
Denham, W. H. 22H 599
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Dragoo, Betty J., 22H 645
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Foster, Betty A., 22H 647
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Hutton, Bill, 7H 106
Ingram, Hiram, 3H 282
Jackson, D.L., 20H 489
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Johnson, R. C., 21H 423
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King, W. K., 22H 601
Lewis, Carlus E., 22H 602
Lomax, James A., 6H 232
McCully, Judith L., 22H 663
McVey, O. S., 19H 517
Mahon, George H., 7H 461
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Purcell, Graham, 17H 616
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Reed, Martha, 22H 669
Reese, Madie Belle, 22H 669
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Smith, Orville, 19H 541
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Thomas, Albert, 17H 615
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Thornton, Betty J., 22H 677
Tracey, James, 7H 394
Vachule, James, 2H 43
Viles, Lloyd R., 22H 678
West, Troy E., 6H 361
Whitaker, Lupe, 22H 681
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