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Mr. Kerry Thornley
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Dear Kerry,

Thanks for your letter of the 14th and the amusing Zenarchy material enclosed or sent earlier. I too enjoyed our telephone conversation but not the subsequent talk with the operator, attempting to reverse the charges. The clerical procedures she outlined were enough to grind the teeth, and I gave it up.

From what you write me, I am inclined to think that Garrison will never try to bring you to trial, but that he will not have the decency to drop the charge either. He and some others, including Bill Turner (Ramparts), have just formed a Committee to Investigate Assassinations. I have declined an invitation to become a member, as membership would entail association with Garrison, Lane, and others whose integrity and truthfulness almost approaches that of the Warren Commission. I think more than ever that it is wise to be a loner, as Oswald was or supposedly was.

I am very pleased to hear that you are now reading Accessories and very glad that you find it readable. Be assured that I will value your comments and criticisms as you go along, or after you have finished reading it. My own favorite, or near-favorite, part is Chapter 25, which is such a rich example of the multitudinous atrocities of "investigation" and "fact-finding" to come from the Commission.

As for Weisberg's Oswald in New Orleans, I can remember nothing in it except a wholly unwarranted and prejudicial remark about Clay Shaw, which is inexcusable from a man who constantly urged me to suspend (hostile) judgment of Garrison until he had his day in court. The introduction is memorable only for the extraordinary nonchalance with which it fails to say one word about the book which it supposedly introduces. I do not think you have overstated in describing this little monstrosity.

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Yes, you may show any responsible rational person my letters to Shaw and/or Epstein. Shaw did answer, very fully and I think very honestly and courteously, but I am sorry to say that he and I disagree about the Warren Report as deeply as we agree about Garrison.

Here are the details on Lane. Before I ever met him, I wrote him on 5 Dec. 1966 "I hear that you are debating Louis Mizer for the Susskind television program and I thought that the enclosed material (transcript and analysis of Mizer's statements on the Barry Gray program 9/30/66) might be helpful." Lane replied by hand on 12/7/66 that he would make good use of my notes (see enclosed xerox of his letter, page 2), and I guess he did, in Chapter 26 of his new book. I also made available to Lane in January 1967 an analysis of a broadcast by Jenner, which was published under the title "Post-assassination Credibility Chasm" in the March 1967 issue of The Minority of One. Just compare it to Chapter 23 of Lane's book, published more than a year later.

Do you really think Garrison is Napoleon? I always thought he was Rasputin.

Best regards,