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Dear Kevin,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 14th of February and for the batch of documentary materials which you were kind enough to copy and send to me. I am glad to know that your run of bad luck is ended and I do hope that things will go well for you from now on.

I have had a quick first look at the material you sent me, much of which is interesting and useful. Let me hasten to assure you that I will treat your letters to Fenton and Ewing as absolutely confidential. I am certainly intrigued by Roscoe White's talent for photo-faking, especially when it is juxtaposed with his possession of a suspect third photo of LHO with rifle. I hope that you will consider going public with this information, or authorizing its being made public, at such time as it becomes necessary to deal with the conclusions of the House Committee on the "backyard photos".

The correspondence dealing with your resignation from the staff of the House Committee is chilling. Kelly's memorandum indicates that there were no grounds for your dismissal and the Committee's decision to terminate your services without disclosing its reasons or giving you an opportunity to defend yourself is shocking and arbitrary. Here, too, the time may come when it would be important to make this public in order to expose Blakey's unfairness vis-a-vis staff relations.

The Lifton material is interesting mainly in that it provides additional support for the conclusion—which I reached long ago merely from viewing a photo of Lovelady—that the man in the doorway is not Oswald but Lovelady.

I have not read your 40-page summary of the 1976 Archives release yet, but will do so as soon as I can give it the careful attention it deserves.

The Mark Allen material, prepared with your assistance, is very useful and cogent. I was please to see that much of the content of the "Areas of Inquiry" corresponds with questions I raised in my book.

The problem of keeping tabs on new releases at the Archives is a difficult one and I don't know the solution. There is also the problem of the FBI release of some 90,000 documents, of which only about one thousand have yet been screened. The AIB is in the best position to obtain and circulate all this material but as things stand now there is just no way for them to do it, given the shortage of manpower and money.

Again, I am most grateful to you for the trouble you took in making this material available to me, and I look forward to seeing you on your next visit to New York.

All the best,

Allen - Scott Report

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