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Dear Sylvia,

The enclosed memo may interest you. I've not been able to do one on the subsequent conversation because as soon as it was over a witness came to be interviewed (that's the way it was in Memphis, where my success was considerable), and as soon as he left I had to meet the chairman of a State committee that plans an investigation. That lasted 8 hours, and I spent the rest of the day and early morning backgrounding the only decent reporter I met. Then I caught an early plane, conducted an interview I'll tell you about when I see you, then flew to DC to return home at night. I don't know how much interest you have in this. I have a confirming witness. It totally destroys that part of Shaw's and Cobb's testimony and Shaw's Clinton alibi.

In fact, it is much worse. Rather than the crisis testified to, this company got more space contracts that the lending agency required.

One of the things this means is that the FBI withheld from the Commission the picture in which Hanover identified himself. Again, I wonder why, as I do with what I regard as perjury by Shaw and Cobb (who reputedly hated Shaw - and got him his handwriting expert who recent connections I presume you have noted).

Please do not spread this around. I do not want it misused.

I'll be in NYC middle next week for a TV show on the new book. Plans indefinite, so I do not know how much time I'll have, but I'll phone anyway. Publishers haven't let me know of promo plans. Matter of fact, the book is on sale, but I still do not have a copy and I've gotten no press copies.

I'll be talking about the King/Ray case only, new talk show and possibly some radio.

I've asked Bob Smith to ask for anything on Hanover at Archives. I've not heard from him. If it is there, it must be in some unrelated file, for we've combed those on LHO's lit. dist...The Canal Street demonstration is interested and otherwise unreported. Unless he is wrong on the day, in which event, other than the day of the arrest there were quite a few and at least some involved LHO. I've got pretty much of that put together - including a young man who went off his rocker from it when JFK was killed and required institutionalization and treatment until the end of 1968. Perry Russo was at one, but I could never get from him which one. He is one in whom we should never lose interest.

Best regards,

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