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Dear Mr. Jones,

It was sad to find in your letter of August 25 so much bitterness and disappointment about the case. But I can't agree with you. Killers did not win. True, you were unable to bring them to justice so far. But you and others like you created such a tense atmosphere by your selfless efforts to find the truth, you awaken public conscience and indignation, and under this pressure killers got frightened and started to kill each other. Ferrie, Giancano, Roselli, Jimmy Hoffa to name some. You destroyed the most powerful cover-up in the modern history: Warren Commission investigation. Speaking in military terms maybe you didn't capture enemy's territory and didn't destroy their castles. But you tied up their forces and destroyed their chances for successful invasion. You fought and you beat them off. The country is still yours and it is still beautiful. Probably you used to love her in better times. But you could believe a new immigrant who saw other countries, other political structures: yours is still the best. And I'm grateful to you and your friends for this.

Since you were kind enough to answer my questions at least in negative could I ask you some more?

1) Do you have anything in your files or in your series (I could miss something) on brothers Domingo and Eduardo Benavides? Background, criminal record, circumstances of Eduardo death?

2) What about Harold Russell? Circumstances of his death? Anything in the local news?

3) I wrote to some scholars of the case and found them unwilling to share the information they have. Still I believe there must be others who take the unveiling of the truth as our common cause. Like you do. Could you provide me with addresses of such researchers as Sylvia Meagher, Mary Ferrell, Gary Shaw? Do you know the address of Judge Burt Griffin?

4) You mentioned in your book (Vol. II, page 163) that Shirley Martin is an expert on Ruth Paine. Has she published somewhere the results of her findings? Would she agree to show them to me? Do you have her current address?

Sorry to bother you with all this questions. But you said in your letter that your feelings are just as strong. I rely on them.

You certainly don't owe me any refund for Vol. 4. The materials you provided me with are priceless for my research. Thank you for them and for all your courage in unequal battles.

With best wishes, sincerely yours,



Igor Yefimov