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Mr. Henry Wade
District Attorney
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Dear Henry,

I have just been given a copy of an FBI report I think it is to your interest to have. This copy is so unclear I have asked my source to make one from his, which is a copy of a carbon in the Warren Commission's files. When I get it I'll send it to you.

Briefly, this involves the commercialization of your office in this matter in a way I am certain does not and could not involve you but also in a way that at some time someone might try to use against you.

It seems that among those things leaked to Hugh Aynesworth, the pages of Oswald's diary were traced to Bill Alexander in a way to which I'll return. Aynesworth sold copies to LIFE for \$2,500, through his wife. LIFE then paid Marina \$20,000 for the right to use it, apparently not wanting to be sued. She also got a 50% interest in any foreign sales LIFE made. I don't now recall whether there were any, as seems likely there would have been.

The FBI examined copies of this stuff from your office and the files of the LPA. Their report says they got from you personally rolls of 35mm negative and positive film and 15 pages of xeroxes of some pages. They also got LIFE's copies. They found identical imperfections in those and copies from you (I presume you and the police had the same source, so these imperfections might have existed in both sources, but the report does not say). Five latent prints were lifted from the copies of your xeroxes, also four palm prints. Of these only one is identified, "the left thumb print of WILLIAM MARSHALL ALEXANDER, who may be identical with WILLIAM P. ALEXANDER, Assistant District Attorney..." The other prints were not identified.

Paraphratically, I find it interesting that they do not give the sources of their film prints, as they should not have been reluctant to do were it military records.

I have many interests in these leaks, for they were used to control what could and would be believed, especially by the press, and had a considerable influence on what the Warren Commission and your own could do. I would welcome any information you might be able to supply about this or any other leaks.

My other work is progressing definitively. I wish it were possible for me to get there to bring you up to date on it.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg