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Dear Bill,

Thanks for your kind letter and the enclosed copy of the Bringuier suit. I don't know my exact plans yet. Possibly I will Friday night, when I see Jim, who will be near here to make a speech. It is possible I'll go there as early as the 17th.

If I do not have solid, admissible evidence of Bringuier's connection with the government and agency for it, there is solid reason for believing it. The best that can be said for his testimony before the Warren Commission, which I have reread in the light of what I have recently learned, is that he dissembled. If he did not lie to the FBI, the FBI lied for him. The Warren Commission, knowing the truth, permitted the lie to stand. I cannot regard any of this as accidental and it now seems to be a pivotal point in the framing of Oswald and of history. Without this one thing there could have been no WHITEWASH.

What I am telling you is that although there are many things on which this great national dishonor can be blamed, and each one rightly, had this one man told nothing but the truth and the whole truth, as he knew it, our great shame would have been avoided, the ~~defam~~ defam^{ation} of truth would have been impossible.

There was a time when I regarded him as a man insane with his hatred of what he calls "Communism". To him, that is anything to the left of the John Birch Society. I also thought that his reactions could be anticipated and he could be maneuvered, like one pushed buttons, and therefore he need not be a conscious part of anything. Now I am satisfied that it is more than that. He is part of a CIA operation. Knowing the truth more today than he did then, he is worse than silent. His suit is a conscious lie and is part of a campaign of official inspiration that has already been threatened on an official level, and of this I have proof.

As a lawyer you know the totality of the frivolity of this suit. Yet Marquez-Diaz takes it without fee. And this is the third cost he assumes. How many more grounds remain for dismissal that is close to automatic before you get a trial where, with any kind of justice, there is no chance for it to succeed. It is, as any lawyer knows, totally privileged. The suit is a deliberate misrepresentation, in addition, by Marquez-Diaz, for it quotes me as having said things I did not. Yet Bringuier knows that had I, they would still have been true. For example, if you want six New Orleanians who will swear that they heard him rant and rave his hatred of the United States, I can supply them, in addition to the man who swore to this before the Warren Commission and dared Bringuier to a confrontation on fact.

These things cannot be without meaning. They seem to have no significance other than the one I suggest.

Now add the one change I see in the papers, their deferring of service on me so they can serve me in New Orleans. This is open blackmail, intended to end my investigations there. It says, very plainly, that if I stay away I will not be burdened with the costs that for me were tremendous for the last case.

This is the device of fascism, appropriate because this man is a fascist, and represents the forces of incipient fascism in our country. Who does he cite as authenticators of his Americanism and his patriotism? Two of the worst fascists and anti-Semites, one of whom is a CIA front. The Information Council of the Americas is part of the story of the assassination. They and he, among other things, helped create and then helped achieve acceptability for the lie that Oswald was a Communist. Unsettling as he was, Oswald was none the less a virulent anti-Communist. That rascal Butler, of INCA, is now said to be on the payroll of that apostate fascist Fred Schwarz, a professional anti-Communist to whom all democrats and liberals are a great menace. Need I tell you of the so-called "Christian Crusade" and Rev. Billy James Hargis? The Anti-Defamation League's "Danger on the Right" (which you should have read, if you haven't published by Random House) devotes an entire chapter to him and then requires about 20 more listings in the index.

This is the man so well thought of by the Jewish "liberals" like Mrs. Stern. Without knowing and without thinking they help create our native Hitlers. If she took the time to learn rather than contenting herself with hate on the basis of misinformation deliberately fed her, she'd be sick at what she is part of.

I note an interesting thing I'd like to be able to check out. Bringuer has been in this country seven or eight years. He was admitted on immigrant status, from Argentine. Yet recently he referred to Cuba as "our" country and the United States as "yours". This great patriot either fails to get his citizenship when he can or so regards it. He still regards Cuba as his country, to which the CIA will return him as a fugitive of some grade, with a license to pillage. He represents those people and forces in Cuba that made a Castro inevitable.

I presume you have communicated to Dell what I said. Last time I wanted to fight this in court. Steve Bair told me this also was his desire (for the no less exalted principle of selling books). You and Dell wanted otherwise, and I can understand your position and respect it. However, I still want to do something about this rotten danger to our freedom, this animate debasement of humankind and those evil forces he represents. If Dell had paid me only part of the money they owe me I could afford to hire a lawyer. As it is, I can only hope that I can find one with sufficient dedication to principle on this side. Were I not motivated by principle, I could not, as a reasonable man, want otherwise, for I will not live under blackmail or intimidation. You get this suit thrown out and they'll do it again, in some other way. There will be no end unless we end it.

You cite me the law on damages in Louisiana, yet I see this fink entering million-dollar suits. I think we can with no trouble at all establish that he knows the things said of him are true and nonetheless sues, that he has damaged me, and that it was his intent to damage me, and that he was not acting for himself alone. I'd like to charge the United States Government with him, sue them both. I know the Baltimore case in which the CIA says it has the right to libel Americans. Let them say it again. Here they will not dare, for it involves them in the assassination, and I already know enough about their concern over this.

In his case, I think he now has modest means. He now has a new home, a new car, a new truck, seemingly in excess of the earning capacity of his business (this, if I am not right, is how much he has been "damaged"). I presume lawyers are immune, but I would really like to do something about Marquez-Diaz. He is connected in a way I do not now recall with Ricardo Davis, who is the man who ran that Cuban training camp across the lake that I am satisfied is connected with the assassination. Davis has acknowledged to me that he was CIA and that the CIA ordered the closing of his camp, thus frustrating that plan to assassinate Castro, the one that may instead have been aimed at Kennedy, in part for it. He has acknowledged this on tape, the same tape that has him saying "For Christ's sake I hope you are taping

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this". In the confidence with which one can speak to his lawyer, let me also tell you that he told me he gave a signed statement to the FBI about Clay Shaw, the same Clay Shaw the FBI now says it never investigated but acknowledges was investigated World War II-time for Nazi activities--the same Clay Shaw who is so much the friend of the Jewish liberals in New Orleans. And does this give you an understanding of how great an understatement OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS really is. When I come down I'll show you how I could have said McLaney was CIA and did not. I suppose freedom requires that lawyers be able to do evil things.

I write you at this length because I want you to know how I feel, because I want you to understand what I believe is involved in this picayune proceeding, and because I think that my interests and that of the country here coincide and require something besides passivity. I recall the results of the passivity of the early 1930s, and I recall them the more vividly because I am of the seed of those tragic six million.

I also think men owe a responsibility to keep their government honest, to oppose the wrong things it does, as all governments, of whatever philosophy, always do, for they are of men and men are mortal and fallible. To the degree I can, I must assume my part of that obligation, especially because I am a Jew and traditionally and historically the Jews are the first to suffer any loss of freedom, any denial of rights. Listen to these professional anti-Communists some time if you doubt this. From the time of the forged Protocols of the Elders of Zion, they equate Jews with Communism.

I have spoken to Saga this morning. While I was talking to the editor he patched the publisher in. They are of a mood to fight back, as they were last time, and indicate what I hope is true, that Dell is considering the same thing. However, they also told me what I told you, that when they got no bill from Dell and asked, Dell told them they were just deducting the entire thing from what they owed me. I was led to believe that I would not be charged at all, otherwise I would never have surrendered any control I had over our doctrine. You personally know I wanted to fight the case.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg