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Dear Steve,

Your letter of 4/16 arrived today. Glad to get the North Valley enc.

There is no now rush on the rifle. Don't know when Hal will be here. However, the rest of the second paragraph is pretty cryptic. It fits too many things and I do not think I read you. If you think it might relate to what you know I have been working on, possibly you should send it to me registered. If this is burdensome, will it be available to me when next I go to N.O.? I've just returned from a very fruitful trip. There are overtones of seeming relevance with this new thing I'm in. I have to work rapidly on it, and there are not even enough hours in the night when I'm there.

They are now asking about my moving there for several months. I am reluctant, because of a number of reasons, and I've had to forgo entirely what I had been working on and what I plan. I think I'd rather go down on trips, in each case leaving behind what others can work on in my absence.

However, with the new "chief investigator" unable to find a cab- and quite obviously unwilling to do even less- and with the inability of the staff people to work this way and with the kinds of people I work with, I may feel I have to.

Recently I've moved the Thornley story quite a bit forward all over again. I think I now know how Dave got to be close to a fascist-thinking he was at the other end.

The chances are that Jim may be right on there never being a trial. He knows better than I. However, I feel otherwise.

You have a handwritten P.S. reading "Check CE 3063 (26H635) & run Archives check if # is not a duplication". I presume you do not mean every part. If you refer to the Brown report that was admitted, I have done that. It exists in two different files, 64.1 and "Other organizations and persons". There is another sheet, mistakenly not returned to me when I gave one of you it and this for copying. It is Secret Service. I've asked Paul to replace it.

Please pinpoint what you want and I'll do it. Much of the rest of the exhibit I do not believe.

Hurriedly,

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STEVEN J. BURTON, National Chairman

Dear Harold,

I've delayed writing because I know that you've been out of town.  
Hope that the trip was fruitful.

We've developed some highly relevant information here. Some of it connects with the "Chinaman" and the wealthy New Orleanian who owned property situated between to relevant addresses. You know who. I'll send a resume to you when Hal comes here on his way to Frederick, if that is his plan. I'll also send the gun that way.

Incidentally, I am now an "authorized representative and investigator" for Jim. Ivon sent me the credentials last week. It will solve some of the minor problems we've been having in this town, such as getting a hold of Jaffe to get a message to N.O.

It looks like the trial is a long way off. The appeals can take forever and, if it goes to the federal courts, I won't feel so confident anymore. If Jim right when he says there won't be a trial?

Marlynn will finish the Hall transcript this week. Of course, you'll get a copy immediately.

I better close now. There's a lot to do.

Best,  
*Steve*  
Steven J. Burton  
April 16, 1968

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