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To Steve Burton
From Harold Weisberg
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A month or so ago I asked you and Jim Lawrence to see if you could obtain back copies of Innovator, a memo on which I included.

Although I will not be able to actively resume this part of the investigation for several weeks because of work I regard as of higher priority. I am doing some reading on Thornley. The file now includes an article he wrote about the federal persecution of Wall Street, as he sees it, and a four-part series on Oswald for Men's Digest. In addition, I have other and valuable confidential information from those who knew him and some of his personal writings. These do not portray the man he pretends to be in his testimony or in Lifton's name on him.

I'll be going to New Orleans about the middle of the month. I would appreciate it if by return you could obtain the back issues of Innovator (earlier named Liberal-Innovator).

I am delaying interviewing five witnesses until after I read these writings and anything else that may turn up in their acquisition.

If any of you find anyone who knew him, please try and learn if he ever expressed any interest in Cuban affairs. He may have had a slight connection with a Cuba-blockade campaign by Kent Courtney and there is indication he may have visited a training camp.

I now know that as of the time of the assassination, he parted his hair on the left side. This will interest Fred in particular. It is now beyond question that he detested Kennedy and that he is a self-proclaimed man of violence, capable of beating up women and gouging eyes and dragging out both.

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