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Dear Steve,

Peter Workman, at Forallax, which is publishing Oswald in New Orleans under their "Canyon" imprint, is to have phoned the Los Angeles distributor and asked that he make copies of the book available to us. Because you had not told me how many you would require, I estimated that an initial 50 would satisfy immediate needs.

These are press copies only. Publication—meaning release—date, is November 1 and the contents may not be used before then. I ask that aside from Maggie, Bill, Ray and Millien (and yourself) you give no copies to anyone other than the press who will in each case be told release date. This is not only the honorable course but it is required to prevent the contents from being "leaked" and killed.

The Los Angeles area distributor is the California Magazine Co. The man to speak to is Manny Lopez. I'll be able to get more when I am there and will also be able to get more for you should you require them, although I would think this number would be more than enough. You can also get copies from him for the Committee to sell.

I'd appreciate it if you could let me know, either way, as soon as you know about the 11/15 speech, because if we do not have it I think I should stay in San Francisco that day to utilize the availabilities. From what I have been told, I'll not have the time to do all that is possible. My initial reflections from the media indicate that on this aspect of the subject there is a lively interest.

I am now engaged in making copies of each of the documents in the appendix, which cannot be included in a book with this format and price. I will have a complete set with me. Anyone in the press (including electronic) who wants to make copies of any of them may do so. If any TV station asks that I hold anything for them exclusively, to the degree that it is possible I will do so if I know in advance and can plan it. Some of the stations like this. I will also have a few pictures, including those appropriate to the part about the 544 address and the Wall reports that you will see, and I'll have a copy of Oswald's literature with this return address, which was also that of the Cuban Revolutionary Council (organized by the CIA) and of Guy Banister. I will not be able to make advance extra copies, but I'll try and have negatives with me. Xeroxing the documents presents no problem, if anyone wants copies.

If any of you want an advance, impartial appraisal of the book, Hal Verb has had access to a copy of the ms which was in the possession of a new friend who is trying to make some arrangements for me. Garrison repeated to me yesterday that he regards this as the best so far. I think it has a prima facie case.

I will also have with me the Department of Justice non-press release retracting the statement that Shaw is Bertrand. I have available out there a copy of the Anderson statement that amounted to an advance prediction of his own perjury. I have permission to use it, with credit, for while I was responsible for it, it also is the property of someone else, the man I primed to do it. The whole thing is fascinating to listen to. Hal may have a copy. If not, he can arrange to have Jean Christian make one, if you ask him. I now will not have the time. Excuse the haste.

Best wishes,