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Dear Steve;

I have completed the text of the fifth book. The appendix also is complete save for the addition of a correspondence appendix which will require a little work and referencing. It has major revelations, new things, particularly on the autopsy. There remains a certain amount of checking and annotating.

The new material of which I wrote you became available yesterday. I will start examining it today if I finish another project in time. I'm picking "upperman" up and showing him some of the pictures and other evidence, particularly Bullet 399, which I am also photographing in special ways. How long this will take, how fruitful it will be, I do not know. I'll be able to let you people out there know by the end of next week, I hope, what this new data reveals. As soon as I finish going over it, I'll write one or more of you.

The immediate purpose of this letter is to tell you that, if the information just given me by Parallax is correct, the time of my trip can be more definitely fixed. Before I went out then my second book was not available. I want it to be in some stores and in wholesaler stocks this time. Parallax expected to have the first copies of the book by the end of next week. Thus, by the end of the second week of October, it should be in distribution and beginning then I can make this brief trip. I plan stops in New Orleans, Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and L.A. Probably a trip to New York first.

By now I am really loaded for beer. I'd like to either arrange a confrontation with Liebler and Ball and leave a clear and public record that they will not face one who knows what they did. I really have some quite good - or as I see it, bad - things on Ball. Liebler's record is so awful it is incredible. When you see what he did and didn't do in New Orleans alone, you'll understand. Can you arrange anything of this sort? Would you please speak to Maggie and Bill about it? I'm writing you before breakfast and before leaving for DC and may not have time to write them for several days. If we can do nothing else, can we hold a meeting to which we invite him and have an empty chair if he does not show up?

I will have with me a copy of each and every one of the New Orleans documents not still suppressed, those he referred to as having gone through himself - a "considerable stack", I think his words were - and a few pictures that illuminate it. Some of this has been fed to others and it is being used in advance of publication, which I regret but can do nothing about, but not enough to really impair its use. Those FBI reports are also incredible. If I could suspect them not knowing what the suppressed ones show and not having been to N.O., can you see how obvious they are? The Parallax book will not have the appendix, but I intend before coming out there to duplicate some copies and will have one with me. It will run about 320 pages, mostly once-secret documents, with a few exhibits. They will be clear enough for the press to make copies from it.

I'll let you know when I can leave and the time I expect to spend in each place as soon as I can. Until then, can you people get together and see if any radio, TV or other appearances can be lined up - and a debate with Liebler (by all means invite him to include all the colleagues and cooperators he can and will)? Please let me know as soon as you can, so I can plan. Bear in mind that the Parallax date of publication can be wrong. Best regards to you all. Sincerely,