

12/4/79

Dear Vary,

Hasty response to and thanks for your letter of the first while Bill prepares breakfast.

I don't know if anyone fully appreciates how much the few checks people send me mean to use. When I get yours yesterday morning, I thought, as you did in sending it, just now I could get some of the books I'd wanted and couldn't get. But the day wore on and brought up the usual problems plus one added one-- Bill's observation that the interest on our indebtedness is due next month and she has no idea when the money will come from -- and I realized books will still have to remain a luxury. We really are without funds for such simple needs as the slit at costs of trips to Washington, which entail only the cost of driving and parking the car. I face more of them in the immediate future. So, we do thank you, very very much.

On books: I now have a second copy of Turry, so if you get any extras, instead of favoring me, please send one to Gary, who never has enough money, or others of whom I can tell you. I am trying to get copies of a couple of the things in his books. If I do not succeed, do you think you can. I anticipate the possibility of using them in one of our suits.

We go to Washington today. It has taken us 3 months to arrange for xeroxing the final copy of the edition to SOUP JOURNAL, which I'll have to retitile, that one having been percolated by a major publisher after I copyrighted it. I will have at least two copies over what I need for copyediting, one for my agent and one I'll send soon to Paul, who can get xeroxing done out there for a quarter of what it costs here. He will be making copies for several, with my permission, at a cost of about three cents for each pair of pages. They will be reduced by half in size. This means it will cost about \$5.00 for the edition. He already has the initial book. If you are interested, I can lend you a xerox of that. The add deals with the King/Key case only, and the first part, written in anticipation of the trial, deals with all tares as a coup d'etat. Perhaps Paul would not be unwilling to copy that, if you'd like. Or, maybe you'd rather read it first. With best, for an assortment of reasons only some of which are the preservation of my rights, I'll not want anyone but you to know the contents, unless you think Arch would want to. Unfortunately, I have learned it is necessary to impose such restrictions, also for a variety of reasons with which I do not bore you, but the painful truth is that too many of us are unworthy of trust. With some the possibilities of direct or indirect wrong connections is painfully apparent. Others are simply undependable, if seemingly nice people, with infinite capacities for doing the wrong thing.

The 12/1/68 clipping is, indeed, interesting, but I suspect it is garbled, as often happens when a reporter depends on second-hand sources and faces those deadlines. It is certain that, I hope, someday can be traced down. Speaking of your clippings, if you have any of the early reports that Oswald was a Govt agent, I'd sure appreciate copies of them.

On Neeley, one of my sources was Jesse Core. Perhaps, if you do not find her as you are trying, he has more recent knowledge. Mine is a year old. He was fond of her. She was his secretary. He is my source on her separation from Ike. His address is 1820 St. Charles. If you write and do not know him, use my name.

Do you know anything about a Sam Williams said to have been in the Marines with Oswald? Or two Campbells, Al and Don? Or an Al Ferrin, said to be interested in wildlife, etc.. Again thanks, Gotte go. Best to all,

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December 1, 1969

Dear Harold:

Fred and Marlynn Newcomb just left Saturday. They came the 21st of November intending to just stay until the 26th but they were having a good time and decided to stay a few more days. I haven't had the time to get down to send you more of Curry's book but I shall go either today or tomorrow and get some more. I gave them all I had at the house to take back to California with them. Incidentally, I kept all file cabinets locked the entire time they were here.

Fred did go through all my old newspapers and found many things he apparently had not known. In some cases, I have gone to the libraries and copied (notEs) from the microfilm and Fred read those notes. He was most interested in a piece I had copied from the Fort Worth Press of December 1, 1963. It was a long article and I only copied a couple of paragraphs into my notebook. Fred asked me to type it up and send it to him and I made an extra copy for you. You have probably seen it but in case you haven't you may be interested.

I had an opportunity to visit with the Martinez family Saturday night. I have known them for many years. They own El Fenix. I told Irene (Martinez) Garcia that several years ago in New Orleans at a party there was a lady there and after she left someone told me her name was either Dolores Neal or Nealy and that she was related to the Martinez family in Dallas. Irene said there was no Dolores in their family at all. She must have been one of the Cuellar family who own El Chico. There was a Dolores Neeley in the Dallas City Directories in 1955 and 1956 who worked for Ben Jack Cage (do you remember the insurance man who created such a scandal and a swindle and had to flee to Brazil in 1956?). She lived right down the street from us at the time (in 1956) on Holland. I lived at 4016 Holland at that time and she lived at 3921 Holland. She disappeared from the books in 1957. I'll keep looking for her...

Harold, you do ~~know~~ not owe me anything for the books. I am enclosing a small check for you to buy a book or two that you want but feel that you cannot afford. I know how frustrating it is to feel that you simply cannot live without a certain book but feel that eating is equally important.

Incidentally, the "Tarrant County official" mentioned in the article is a Fort Worth Judge and I feel sure the information came from him. I don't know Jack Moseley.

Sincerely,

*Mary Perrell*