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Dear Mary,

One of the things that may contribute to part of my "bad" reputation is the effort I make to clean up each day's mail the day I get it. I am into so much, if I do not it accumulates and becomes more of a burden.

Many thanks for the Curry book. I look forward to being able to read it with care, and I would appreciate the second copy to be able to lend it. Like you, I prefer two copies of each, one for working with and marking up, one for keeping good and clean. But I just cannot afford it. And I do not know when I can pay you for this and the others to which I also look forward. You know, even the trash often has something of worth (Jack Ruby's Girls is what I have in mind here).

On Nealey: your first hunch is, I am confident, correct: El Benix. I have all of that on a pair of untranscribed tapes of interviews. It came back as soon as I saw your words.

On your getting the books from Lenn: this is for your information only, off I regard him as a sick man, one of the casualties. He has yet to pay for those books, has refused to, and has gone so far as to refuse to trade me what he has (the 28 and the JCA film), which he sells for less than what he owes me.

I have suggested to Paul and Gary that they get Curry's book from you. There are others who work with Paul who perhaps should have it. I'd like to know if anyone makes a comparison between the originals of the documents he publishes and those the Commission has. (Bud has a copy. I've just glanced at it.)

There is a very bright, very helpful 16-year-old schoolboy with whom I am in touch. I'll lend him the second copy. He is pretty sharp. There is also a college professor in Nevada who may want one. I hope extra copies will not be a burden to you if they are requested.

My thanks, my apologies and my best,

Sincerely,

cc: GJ

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Dallas, Texas 75219
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Dear Harold:

I just ran over to the post office and mailed you a copy of Curry's book. It doesn't have anything new to any of us, but I think it will do a lot of good because people will read it and think about it who would never listen to me, Arch or Sue. If you would like to have another copy, please let me know. I'll be happy to send you another one. I like to have at least one copy to work with and one to put away intact. I have quite a few copies and I'll be happy to give you all you'd like. I always make a big production of going from news-stand to news-stand and from book store to book store every time a new book comes out. I ask for the book every time I go in and buy one copy at a time, trying to call attention to the book.

*It does
have
several
errors
in it.*

There is something I have thought about that may clear up something for Lil. When I told her that I had ordered everyone of your books as soon as they came out -- about a dozen copies each, Lil said she didn't have my name on her list. It finally dawned on me that I ordered them from Penn Jones. Then when Dell published them, I went through my usual procedure...

There should be about three more books out this month. Penn should have a new one out and Genesis Press is publishing one called Jack Ruby's Girls. And, a lady here in Dallas who was a ~~mixe~~ police reporter before she started her own public relations firm wrote a book last year about the police activities on 11/22/63. It was supposed to be published last February but Arch and I heard about it and got in touch with her. When we saw what she had written and all the errors in it, we tried to correct as much as we could. They withdrew publication and it is now supposed to come out this month. I hope it is more accurate than when we saw the galley proofs. If you would like me to, I'll send you copies of all of them when they are published.

Now to Dolores Neeley... When you said Mexican-American, that helps... There are many Mexican-American families in Dallas who are quite prominent. One owns El Fenix, one - El Chico's, there is La Tupinamba, etc. These are big restaurants but most of them specialize in something like pralines, tacos, tortillos, etc. and are quite well-known. Does any one of these names ring a bell?? Dominguez, Rodriguez, Martinez??? These are the most prominent but I will go through the City Directory and try out "Dolores" on all of the Mexican names I can find... and when I find a Dolores, I'll try to determine if she was ever married to a Neeley.

Sincerely,

Mary

P. S. Give my love and regards to your dear wife.