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Dear Mary (Gary, Paul copies only).

By the time you mentioned the indication that Garrison is interested in resuming some kind of investigation, that involving Roger Craig too, there were too few people left Sunday morning for me to speak to you privately, and I fear this has become absolutely necessary among so many well-intentioned fools, marginal nuts and above all, blabbermouths. Hence I write.

First, this need not necessarily indicate a new investigation, though it can. There is the possibility of that evil man Bradley trying to sue. I tried to help him, spent time with him, did help him, and he is utterly bad, as I learned, entirely separate from his politics, which are his own affair, whether or not I agree with them. I was well aware of them when I did help him. When you add to this what I had done before he came here, for him, need I tell you more of what kind of man this is? And of what insanities he may be capable?

On the other hand, I did, several months ago, get rumors from what must be regarded as an undependable source of precisely this, that Jim was starting up again. Not being able to get there to check, I could do nothing but make further inquiry, which yielded nothing. While my source is capable of having dressed it up, too often this has been an excellent and accurate source to dismiss it because of the character of the source only.

Contrasting with this is what Sciambra told me quite some time ago, that there was nothing in the world of which Jim really cared less, that soon after the Shaw fiasco, Jim, who is capable of such things, had become more than bored and was finished. After some needling, they had, before this time, finally agreed to give me two things the existence of which they had denied for years: the WOPF Intelligence files on both Ferrie and Oswald, both pre-assassination. The two things coincided: their silence and their agreement to give me these things.

At the time, I feared that in having gotten these files at last, they had found in them enough of what I'd expected to find to rekindle interest and of a nature they would want to keep to themselves. With pre-assassination intelligence-unit interest in both of those strange cats, it is possible the files alone contained exciting data. And with the human desire to wipe their dirty faces, I could conceive, especially knowing them, that they would behave this way. And over the months I wrote an occasional needling letter to Moo. He never answered. The only time I've heard from them in so long a time I can't now say how long ago it was was perhaps three months ago, maybe a little more. Then they needed help. Now imagine this, as an indication of their elemental competence: they had to find a guy from whom they had a complete report from me several years ago, they remembered the report, and they wanted a statement from him in case Shaw's lawyers tried to miss certain evidence against Louis and Israel. It would have been misinformation, it would have been misuse, and I was willing to help. In less than half a day (and I'd have done it in less time had it not involved a three-hour time difference), I had all they needed. My only precondition was that they pay the cost. Louis said he would, and from his own funds. He did repay me with his personal check. Not a word since. Again, with this simple thing I'd asked of them, do I tell you the kind of people they are when I also tell you that despite my reminder at that time I still did not get those files? At that time Louis was about to leave for two months to take a course in operating the lie-detector machine. I wrote him once since then, on once, and I've had no response. I also have located two witnesses who can do more than prove that Shaw and Cobb did commit perjury. I have not told them and I do not intend to. Enough is too much. But I would like to know if you get any further such indications, this time I'll not do anything to save them. But it is good to know what to expect, especially with my own book out now. Good to see you again. Hope everything starts going well. Best,