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Dear Fairy Godmother,

Gary knew of my unsuccessful efforts to get the Garrison office to copy Tom's Archives notebook before the inevitable separation. They never did it. I asked Louis last week.

It is I who persuaded Tom to come up to the Archives. I took him there and turned my account over to him until he could establish his own (which he apparently never did). In order not to "finger" him, after inducting him I stayed pretty much away, under the impression he would share what he learned.

But this never happened. I know that instead of getting copies he very often made his own summaries in a notebook. There are, undoubtedly, things he noted and forgot, things he noted without understanding their significance, etc.

One I know he did, for he called it to my attention, he later professed not to recall. It had to do with an airplane trip to Mexico via Brownsville but not at the time of the assassination. I cite this merely as an example.

Of course, Tom cannot be blamed if his employees didn't ask for the work he was paid for doing. But Tom was never as long on understanding some of this as he could be.

So, my desire was to go over these notes, for they could well fit with other things Tom might not know or know or understand (as, to a degree, this would be true of all of us).

Gary suggested I write you about this. He did not indicate why.

One of the things in which my interest mounts is the Ferris documents. I now have a record of twice as many withheld from a single file as they ever acknowledged existed in all files, available and withheld. In this connection, I remind you of Liegeler's crack quoted in O in NO, there was a "stack this high". The acknowledged papers are hardly a stack. Meanwhile, the Archives denies they ever released any list, refuses to give me one, and my examination of the "Ferris" files last Friday discloses they are gutted, not even containing in the one labelled as coming from CD75 all of what is available from that file - and, naturally, with no reference to any withheld.

We are still learning little things about Oswald in (and about) New Orleans, which would make access to Tom's notes desirable.

It may interest you to know that I was officially informed by the DI today that the papers of the panel report "do not exist" in their files! On this subject, the change in administration has been no benefit. In fact, from my experience, it is even worse.

Best regards,