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Dear Barry,

Much as I'd like to I just can't go into the investigations I conducted in N.O. Back about midnight. They were successful. There is the unending work I left unfinished and the stack that accumulated in two weeks plus what is now new. Time is too pressing.

While none of the Ruby-Oswald seems new, it has been so long since I went over it I cannot be certain. I'll mail the extra copies around. Many thanks. On the Kaufman stuff, if you have anything Gary doesn't, he and I would both like to have it.

It is a financial and physical impossibility for me to copy those things I get and distribute them. When others are engaged in new and promising work and ask me for specific things, or where this material is necessary for understanding of new explorations, I do stop and make copies. Otherwise, I cannot. I haven't the money and in a 20-hour day there is not enough time.

Let me know before you go to Dallas. I am interested in the Cotton Wheelers because Oswald had a "Cottin Pickin'" application in his junk.

Good luck on your radio appearance. Those things do help people come to understand the case and to interest them in it. You will find that most of those programs stop at only nasty words or slanders and as long as you are speaking to a point may say what you will.

Many thanks for your help. And good luck with your own ventures. By the way, Gary was beaten in an affair that probably has no connection with the case, probably was racial violence. No recent word on it.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Hi! How have you been lately? I hope you still remember me. I am the guy that was in the Archives a couple of days before you went to New Orleans. Remember? As you can see, I have made copies of the material which I found relating to a Oswald-Ruby connection. I feel that all of it is already known to you and anyone you may send it to, but its there anyway. I hope it is all right and there are enough copies.

How was your trip to New Orleans? I would be interested in hearing from you and telling me all about who you interviewed and such tidbits. By the way, could you do me a big favor? Could you put me on your list of persons who receive copies of material like I am sending to you? I would be extremely interested in receiving information from other researchers that send it to you much like I have done. Would this be too much trouble? Being in the location I am, I don't get that much new info and this would help me considerably.

Probably in August or a little later, I am either going to go back to Dallas, or to the Archives again. But my problem is, I don't know which would be the better. I have a lot of important interviews to conduct in Dallas, but I could always look through more documents. I'll probably end up going to Dallas. What I was wondering is, do you have any information you would want me to get or dig up for you or anyone? If so, let me know. This could help me decide where to travel to. It would really be an honor to help you in any way that I can, so please let me know.

The thing that really got me in that document which stated that Oswald was receiving money from Mississippi, was not the fact that the man associated this money transaction with Beckwith, but the fact that the Fort Worth paper stated that it was from the state of Mississippi that the money was being sent from. It would be interesting to note where the Fort Worth Star Telegram got this information.

Take a minute now to look at Commission Exhibit number 3067 in Volume 26. Maybe you have read this before but this is a very interesting report since Martinsburgh is only 20 miles from where I live. I wrote to Mrs. Hoover and she wrote back saying that the Fernandez mentioned in the report was a former employee of the CIA. Those three letters seem to be popping up everywhere. Do you want more information on this aspect of the case? I could get it for you quite easily if you do.

Guess what? A local radio program has a discussion show on every Sunday and they have invited me to be on for 1 hour to discuss the assassination. This should be quite interesting. I'll mention your name, (if they let me!), and tell them how much work you have been doing on it.

Well, I hope I have helped you with what little I uncovered. Write if you can. I would really enjoy hearing from you once in a while. Take care and good luck in anything you do.

With warm regards,

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P.S. Don't forget to let me know if there is anything I can do for you.