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Dear Berry,

Thanks for your note of April 19, forwarding typescript page BH31, you excerpt from your interview with Roger Craig, and the testimony you have checked. I take it the extra copies are for Paul and Gary, and I will forward them to each, with a copy of this letter.

I am in accord with your comment about Roger Craig and had already communicated that belief to others last year when I saw a copy of the corrections Roger made in his printed testimony. It could not be believed.

In each of the cases where you note "changes present", I think we should know what changes were made. I think we should study them carefully. While without doubt most are innocuous, some may not be ~~xxxxxxx~~ I think any that might be significant might not appear so at first glance. I have several such cases. More, understanding whether or not there is significance may require the most detailed understanding of the most intricate evidence. If it presents no great burden to you, I'd like to see each of the changes, even if they seem to be only grammatical. Some are those I asked you to check, like the doctors, O'Sullivan and Snyder. I had already done others, like Blalock and G eraci.

It is possible to justify the editing of the O'S testimony on Ferrie as a homo on the ground he was then still alive. However, it is also possible to attribute significance to Liebel's having had this knowledge and done nothing with it because he also took Andrews' testimony, which did connect Oswald with homosexuals.

When next you check testimony, recall my suggestion that you insist on seeing the set that went to the printing office. This page from O'S does not show any editing. It is only by comparison with the printed text that it can be detected. You'll also save much time with the printer's set because you will see the writing.

For Paul and Gary's benefit, the picture you say Johnson told you they do not have was with the anonymous letter sent to Ruby while he was in jail. Johnson said it might have been sent to Dallas for the trial and not returned.

You ask my opinion of the John Birch Society. I think it is very wrong, very dangerous, utterly irrational. Some of the individual members are deeply concerned, serious people who lack understanding and believe what they are told. The society's spoken and written words are at best eminently understandable. Because they seem soft-spoken, they are misunderstood. They are really quite extreme. Imagine the founder calling Eisenhower a conscious Communist agent. It should have been his end. I think you would do well to avoid having anything to do with them. They have no connection with the case, in my opinion. Some individuals are slightly involved and I think were unfairly treated by the government.

When next you are at the Archives, would you see if there are any investigative reports on O'Sullivan and if there are, whether or not they are classified? If they are classified, please get their numbers for me. Also, I have asked for and have not gotten page 145 of the Oswald "Guidebook for Marines", OD 87:200. Bringuier gave ~~them~~ this copy. That page had "strange" writing on it. Do not tell them it is for me but please look at it to be sure you get the right page. One page they will copy for you in the search room while you are there. Mail it as soon as you get it to save time. Many thanks. Keep us posted.

April 19, 1969

Dear Harold,

Enclosed you will find the material which you requested. While some of the changes in testimony may not be of much value, where even the most minor changes exist, I have noted them. If you want any further information on any of the testimony, let us know and I will send you the changes present.

The picture made mention to in Volume 26, is not in the Archives, according to Johnson. He states it may have been used in the trial in Dallas, and thus is still in their possession.

What do you think of the John Birch Society? I just recently received a letter from a representative here wanting me to attend one of their presentations. However, due to my ties in the Navy, I was not able to attend the meeting. Are you in favor of them? What is their connection in the case, if any???

Write whenever you can. See you later.

Gary

April 12, 1969

Following is a list of names whose original, set type testimony, I have checked for any changes whether deletions or additions . . .

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Conrad J. - no changes
Theodore Howell - no changes
J. - changes present
John - no changes
Richard - no changes
Dr. Charles - no changes
Dr. - changes present
Gust - no changes
Superior - no changes
Eric - no changes
Evaristo - no changes
Don - no changes
Arnold - no changes
Roger - no changes
Roy - no changes
Frederick - changes present
Edward - no changes
William - no changes
Clinton - no changes
Rufus - no changes
Malcolm - no changes
Ronald - no changes
James - no changes
Amos - no changes
James - changes present
H. Louis - no changes
Manning - changes present
S. - no changes
Potter - no changes
Gregory - no changes
Lt. Col. Pierre - no changes
Philip - changes present
Vance - changes present
Marion - changes present
Abra - no changes
Richard - changes present
Dr. Gene - changes present
Dr. Kemp - changes present
Dr. Fouad - no changes
Dr. Adolph - no changes
Dr. Robert - no changes
Charles - no changes
Ronald - changes present
A. C. - no changes
Dr. Ken - no changes
Dr. Richard - no changes
Dr. Martin - no changes
Mrs. Henrietta - no changes
Beth - no changes
Margaret - no changes
E. - no changes

MEMORANDUM

ROGER CRAIG INTERVIEW

(Following is partial transcript of taped interview with Roger Craig held in Dallas, August 4, 1968, by Barry W. Ernest

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... "In the 26 volumes of the Warren Report, in regards to my testimony, it has been altered, and - uh - key words have been taken out to make it read different than it should. For instance, - uh - when Belin, who was the attorney for the Warren Commission, interviewed me, he asked me if the car had out of state plates or Texas plates and I said they were not the same color as Texas plates and he took the word not out. So this completely changes that particular sentence. And - uh - what makes this so important is when Buddy Walthers went to Ruth Paines house, the Rambler station wagon parked in her yard did have out of state plates on it, at that time. And then - uh - he changed the color of the car from green to white, he changed the color of the mans jacket driving the car from - uh - tan to green, so he just re-arranged the car and the jacket. And - uh - just several things like that. I believe 14 times is what I counted in the 26 volumes that they had changed my testimony." And just by leaving out key words or - uh - changing colors and - uh - so forth."

* (I have checked the original testimony of Roger Craig, in the Archives, and found none of these changes present, in either deletions or additions.)