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Dear Dick,

The amount of work I have to do in the suit against the FBI is greater than I thought when I was in New York. I've interrupted it to respond to Bair.

I think he has become inflexible, perhaps driven by something in his past on this. I don't really know why and I have thought about it. His manner at our last meeting was so grossly offensive Steve Bender could not hide his embarrassment. It is foolish of him because he personally did defraud me on the Bringuier deal. Calling a straight purchase contract a "joint venture" may or may not be his responsibility. It is Dell's and with the spurious charges entered against me on it is, I think, fraud. When they finally gave Jim Lesar what they call an accounting it turns out to contradict everything of the past. When he asked for explanations they could provide none. So, if I can't account for why they did these kinds of things, there is absolutely no question about the fact. And if I lack proofs in all details on all aspects, I have plenty and where there is a question they will have no credibility at all.

As you will see from my letter, I did not involve you. All I did is suggest that he can get an appraisal from you.

There seems to be no reason to expect anything reasonable from them but I've made a final effort. If he responds reasonably, good. If not as soon as Lesar can do it we'll file. I'd prefer not to take this time from my work but if I have no choice that is the way it is.

These are crazy people, mad with their wealth and power. Before this is over they'll have spent more than the \$25,000 for which I'd settle and they'll then still have to pay me. They don't know how I work. When I took Bair's and his lawyer's word and went to work on Bringuier I collected enough to put him in jail. They spent more money getting the case thrown out of court than going to court on a lead-pipe cinch would have cost. As Bair then knew, this also would have sold the book. In the end we'd have been able to sue the CIA. I believe the proof that Bringuier was one of them is in the new records part of which I read when I was visiting you. (I don't know how relevant this is to the "best effort" clause of the contract but maybe I'll find out. I'll surely allege it and bracket it with their failure to publish Oswald in New Orleans when under the agreement the only basis they had for rejecting it was libel.)

You may have had a phone call from a Wisconsin history professor. Dave Wrons. (He is a great guy.) The amount of rereading of Oswald in New Orleans is mind-blowing. I'm hearing regularly. I also hear that second-hand copies are going for \$50.00! Dave would like to see it reprinted. I think it could do well as an updated hardback, with a documentary appendix. One of the characters even links to Watergate figures now, Jack Caulfield. And I have the suppressed Ferris records, too, if you remember that part at all. Once I was able to finish up with Bringuier I did a fair amount of investigating, all successful. I'd been planning to hold this all for Agent Oswald but all is not essential. What an updated Oswald in New Orleans would do would depend on the publisher. With an effort it could cause a new investigation. What I'd be willing to do would depend on the effort. If it were major I'd add the major from Agent Oswald. It could all be in a postscript instead of the overly-optimistic one in the original book. The potential market is there. Barnes bought Howard Roffman's book from Fairleigh Dickenson, which printed only 2,000. The Barnes advance sale was 25,000. If their promotional work is good they'll make a pot. Howard is like my son, so I'm delighted.

You see now that when I told you in January I would force a new investigation it was real. Not that I'm not certain they will attempt a new whitewash. What I can add to Oswald in New Orleans has this capability with the JFK case. I can now name the federal

agent who handled Oswald and I can print in facsimile the suppressed evidence that the KGB believed Oswald to be an American "sleeper agent." I have this from the FBI and am going after the CIA's records. The proofs of suppression in my possession involve a member of Ford's cabinet, Ford himself and at least ~~Helms~~ of the higher CIA people.

If you can see any potential in this I think two books would be and would do better, an updated Oswald in New Orleans and a fast job on Agent Oswald. The combination could be historic, especially if Howard could be free to help me. By now he has done an enormous amount of his own excellent work and he knows some of my files better than I do. He is very bright, very solid and generally more cautious than I.

Agent Oswald can really do it, regardless of what Schweiker does or does not do. It would legitimately involve some of the more sensational Watergate figures, too. I have all of that proven. The current crop of official investigators could not find women in a ~~Bar~~ bordello. Some of Schweiker's and Church's witnesses have been in touch with me before and after testimony and they have not known what to ask others. We have preferred not to. I don't really need any of their work, although some of it might be of some help, as the testimony of those they didn't know how to question or what to question them about. But believe me, the subtitle, Case for Conspiracy with the CIA should be printed in spades!

As usual I've wandered.

If it is appropriate when we are in court on Wednesday we'll use against Justice and the FBI some of their own records. These will include their own legal opinions on my case, that all the law is my way while they were violating the law and stonewalling. It will include new official false swearing, proven. Depends on how it goes and what Jim Lesar wants to do. It may even include their efforts to influence what CBS would air. (Bair should know!)

I still have the two missing chapters of the first two parts to write. I have read through the rest of it. The retyping is into the last chapter of the second part. I think I have the first couple of chapters of the third part ready to read and correct. I hope to be able to get back to the writing after Wednesday, but another suit, for the still-suppressed Warren Commission Executive sessions, may delay it. We are under time pressures on it. Lesar is working on it, not the Wednesday case, right now. However, if I get one of those it will include more on Oswald as a U.S. agent and what the evaluation of the Commission's files on Oswald was by a defected KGB agent. I have the proof of content, not the content itself. We have forced the government to acknowledge false swearing on this already. I don't know how that will sit with the judge, who is a stranger to me. This, too, bears on literary potential and historic significance.

A Hollywood friend is coming early in the week. I'm going to take the time to go over some of these things with him on the chance he knows the right people there.

Best to everyone,

Sincerely,