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To Jim Alcock

From Harold Weisberg

Meeting with Mrs Lillian Cohen

A little after 4 p.m. I met with Mrs. Cohen for about an hour in her office on the 4th floor, 822 Perdido. I told her frankly most of what I know and have ~~in~~ learned about Philip Geraci III and his connections and complications. It was all news to her. I also showed her a few documents I had with me.

While we were talking her husband phoned. I didn't know who it was but afterwards suggested to her that he might be interested and if so, I could meet them some evening. He had apparently also suggested this to her. It seems to be their desire. I met Judge Trent as I was leaving the building and got a warm greeting.

I told her that it was my belief that what your office wanted of Philip was information, not anything that would damage him. She said she was anxious to keep her promise to you. I told her I had discussed the visit with her with you before making it.

She will speak to Mrs. Geraci and be in touch with me. I think it is more than likely that with the arrangement we discussed more information might be forthcoming. I will discuss this with you after I hear from her.

She appears to be less than 100 percent certain the father's death was only accident. She had known him; he had done work in their home. The mother's interest, she thinks, is to protect her son. I told her some of the deals for his "protection" had worked out in the past, the record left, etc. She knows the interview will be unpleasant, knowing some of the content, but if agreed to will participate with me.