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Dear Jones,

You caught me by surprise on a bad day. Not long after we finished talking I got to the phonetic and can give you the name of the Japanese. It is not one that begins with an "I" but with an "E".

J. Ihara. He was with ~~Kasuga~~ Kasuga & Co. In the old Trade Mart, now the Gateway Bldg., his office was on the third floor. He was with them when they moved to the new building, if my recollection is correct. The 1963 phone number was 525-7481.

If he interests you, Jesse Core will know much about him. His office is, I think, 1820 W. Charles. My phone book was lifted on one of my trips to N.O., the time I think we walked to Harrison's office together. Don't call Jesse at his home, which is more uptown on St. Charles, in the 4000s.

If he interests you, I think I have more than the Pizzo exhibit. WDSU trusted me with a print of all their Oswald footage, as it existed after FBI editing. Of the 17 prints made before this editing, only 2 are in the WC files. I have had others made from the remaining footage. However, my deal with WDSU, which I have and I will keep, is no use of their footage.

What you say of Jim is fascinating. The sickness cannot possibly have been given you as it really is, it is that bad. At the time you and I walked there together we were barely on speaking terms. But I must also say I have difficulty casting him in the role you suggest. I saw him twice in November, on his invitation, when I was there for reasons not connected with him. The second time was for lunch at the Roosevelt.

It may be that from my files I can check back further on Ihara. Perhaps not.

Each one of us received in confidence what he must retain that way. However, if there is anything in what you suggested that you do not have to regard this way, I would, of course, be interested. I would remind you that when you were in N.O. with your boxer, I forecast that "obby would be knocked off" after San Fernando. It did happen.

I think you may have simplified Marshall's role. I'd prefer to be wrong. I think the potential of all of this for Ihara remains great. And I just do not believe that the selection of Battiner was as haphazard as you suggest. I can't imagine either Marshall or the Kennedys making the requisite investigation of him. I know he knew neither. He is pretty far out. My belief is that he and either of them have nothing in common.

I write this in haste in an effort to make the outgoing mail. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg