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Dear Lou,

I have a new friend who is taking the most unusual training when one considers it is to lead to a professional career in communications. Some of the lectures are on subjects one would not ordinarily expect, like eliminations by snakebite, alertness, etc.

This schooling is apparently unknown to most other friends. If you hear anything to the contrary, I'd like to know. I have been told, "My being here is pretty secret, my reason for being here is, as you would put it, 'whitewashed' into something else." Also, "I'm going to be here awhile I think. You never know with Uncle Sam".

Otherwise, I have gotten a message that is reassuring as it relates to intent, although it is ambiguous and could be of personal reference.

As I told Moo earlier today, I think I should be there for the weekend of 5/17. A phone call from Skip today tells me his plans and more that I'll transcribe and send you as soon as I can. I indicated some to Moo. I should be there when he is but anticipate I will not. He indicated he may fly here from there, in a private plane. I told him also that it is imperative, from his interest, that his records be examined carefully before he speaks to you, so that the most complete and accurate record be established, for it is possible he does not know the significance of fact he may possess. He says he is in accord.

Please tell whoever will be talking to him that he is impressed by the first words of Jim's foreword to Oswald in New Orleans and regards it as great writing and one of the great expressions and thoughts of the era.

In transcribing the tapes, I am seriously handicapped by not having the identification pictures used in the interviews. Some were yours, some were Moo's. Is it possible, please, when copies are made, to return to me those with identification marks? Replacement of the others is okay. Also, there is not in any of them a good picture of Shaw. I have had the Bostright pictures I took developed. They are 35mm slides. If you'd like, I can bring them down for Clency to copy. Did you find the missing one that is the way he looked down there? His appearance has changed considerably.

I have the Kerry letters and have prepared an excerpting to save Jim time. If I can I'll include that. As soon as I can I'll photocopy the original letters and send them or, more likely, hand deliver 5/3. I haven't had a chance to examine the other few things, like receipts and cards, that he also sent me. These letters and, with one exception, the envelopes, show him to have been in California 7/22/63 and to have been in Mexico City 8/31 en route to New Orleans. There are none showing the date of his return. I recommend careful reading of some of the language, particularly as it reflects his own ego and proclivity for violence, even murder, and his expectations of and attitude toward the Warren Commission (scared the piss out of them, as he put it, by moving close, and his desire to "piss" in JFK's grave.)

Until I can go over the tape, Skip did tell me that Monday the LAPD began a Bradley check relative to the King assassination. He claims to have proof Bradley is a licensed pilot, part of which he will take you, part he only knows of.

I also have a transcript from Gary Schoener on his interview with Mrs. Hoover, to hand deliver, and a letter expressing his belief Kroman is company.