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Dear Lou,

I've had an upsetting, very tiring week, and I've been more than usually forgetful. For two evenings I've gone into town to mail things and both times I forgot what I'd written you. One night I got but two hours sleep, and the others the usual short one of about 5. Last night I fell sleep in the chair after supper and slept soundly until about 10, when I staggered into bed and slept until about 6, so I feel loggy this a.m. but my head is a bit clearer.

I know I wrote you about a new discovery that I said I'd tell you about when you are here, one that I think can be important in any trial, if Jim's case comes to trial, something I believe you people never knew. Several of us had a sign of it earlier and it bears on a certain animus to Jim. I have been writing a book on this. If I can get it done in time I think it can have some impact there. However, I had to lay that book aside for other work that took priority. You'll understand all this better when you are here. Depending on the conditions of my life, which is severely complicated by many things, including the continuing financial problems, I can complete the draft of the book I'd laid aside in perhaps a month. That leaves other work to be done on it, of course. But when you are here, I think we should be able to discuss this at some length so you can see if you (all of you) can see the potential as I do.

This brings me to something I referred to you in terms that are probably too general. Long ago, when I was working on it, right after the Shaw trial, I kept nagging Moo until he spoke to Jim and Jim, who had always promised me anything you had, of which there was rarely if ever delivery, agreed to it, as Moo told me. You may not know or recall, as he may not, what this is. It is the NOPD pre-assassination files on Ferrie and Oswald. They did have files on both. I believe that when you people first made inquiry you were lied to and told they didn't. I have, for a long time, had the official proof that they did. It comes from the files of the Dallas Police Dept., to which they gave them. I do not need them urgently for this book. They would be nice to have. But I think they are more important for my understanding. It would depend upon their content whether or not I'd want to use any of the content. However, with this new discovery that I will not write about but will tell you when you are here, they assume a possible importance in your current case, as what I think can be an important element in defense if Bailey addresses animus, as I think he may, and as things may come up that nobody can anticipate before a trial. So, these are the things Jim agreed several years ago that Moo would send me and that I never got.

I am not talking about the vice squad file. I don't know if you ever had it. I have at least part, not from your office. On Ferrie. I don't know, if I do not have all, if there is anything there useful in the area. Unless it discloses involvements with those not reflected in what I have, I see no value in the coming case in it.

One other thing I may not have mentioned we should have time for when you are here. I do not know what will be the final outcome of the Shaw perjury trial. I am without doubt that he did perjure himself. I was indignant at the too-hasty indictment of him for this, a duplication of the too-hasty initial charge, and I'd hoped the lesson had been learned. I had a long chat with Jim in 11/67 about what I regarded as the deficiencies of the original charge, but he wouldn't change it, and I tried, without success, to address this deficiency with Oser and Alford the Sunday they met me before the jury-selection began, to show them a way around it. It turns out that the non-lawyer was right about the legal aspect. Now when I wrote Jim with some indignation after the perjury charge, I am sure you people did nothing. However, when I could, I did. There is an area where I think it can be important, and that is with something I think Jim would want, in the Shaw civil action. I was surprised when he filed it and still haven't figured out why, unless to intimidate and hurt the USC people and maybe others through them. I think Shaw has to be crazy for that to go to trial but maybe he is. Well, I think I now have enough to win that one. I am not persuaded that what he was indicted on can, will or should do this. If it does, it will leave a bad taste in many legal and journalistic mouths. What I have is different, new, and not of that character. If the little bit I had at the time of the trial had been used -and you had it because I had given

it to you (not you in person)- I think it might have influenced the outcome of that trial, as small things sometimes can and do, because it would have validated the Clinton witnesses and shaken or destroyed that alibi.

I have this on tapes. It consists of interviews with people unknown to you but probative as witnesses can be. I think you should have time to listen to these tapes when you are here.

In short, what I am saying is that once you get here, you should leave yourself enough time to do what should be done before you make your pickup and return with him. I hope you can do this alone. I will be more willing to be more open with you by yourself. If you can't, I hope of the investigators you have who I know, then I'd prefer to see, if I may be so bold as to make a choice in your business. If you'd rather bring a lawyer, then one of those I know has the best chance of understanding some of this and he should know what I want for I discussed it with him at some length, although long ago.

Also when you are here, remind me of a special fingerprint.

If you can, I think it would be a good idea if you take the letters I've written you recently with you, go over them on the plane and make a list of the things of which I've written so we don't forget them.

I know this is getting close to the approximate time you said you might make this trip. I am expecting someone this week but the exact date of his arrival is not set. He will be here for other work. I do not expect him before Wednesday. I have to be away all day Friday. The following weeks would be better. As of now, nobody is scheduled. The only interruption in it may be for some lab tests for my wife or me. We have our annual physicals scheduled for ~~Friday~~ the following week, but I have to make an appointment for a proctoscopic examination and until I am in D.C. I won't know when that will be. The chances that it will be either of the coming two weeks are not likely.

We have sleeping accommodations for four, two in a separate room, two in the living room. If you have to come at the time I'm expecting someone, that will not present an insurmountable problem. He will be spending most of his time reading. As of today, the water in our pool is still not too cool for ~~swimming~~ swimming. I find a few minutes at a time relaxing. So, bring trunks. If you don't use them, they take little space, and if for any reason you'd prefer a motel, there are two good ones less than 10 minutes away. Our place is quiet, private, isolated, although near town. If this is the kind of pickup on which you can take your wife, great.

And please try to remember the questions I asked you recently. They deal with other matters but can be important to me.

Best regards,