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Dear Sylvia,

Enclosed is a copy of a memo by Liebelar on the palmprint in which I recall you are interested. Indistinct as this is, please believe me it is twice as distinct as the copy I got at the Archives!

I don't believe I have ever gotten such poor copies. Not a single one is clear, and I got an inch-high pile of them today. The originals are unclear, but the copies given me are much paler than they need have been. It is as though someone took a good look at "PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITENASH" and said, "Never Again"!

These come from those files I recommended you work in if you decided to spend part of your vacation in the Archives. They are files of staff memos. These are in two boxes, each about four inches thick. Even deducting for the numerous file folders, this means a lot of papers.

I have gone through a little more than half of them. I expect to be back working on them each of the coming Tuesdays. It took me Thursday and a half day today to go through one box. At that, I had to skim and hurry too much. I tell you this so you can tell me if there is any special interest you have. I'll then look for whatever you want, or get a copy, and I can improve them no end with my 3M dry copier. It may sound hard to believe, but this is one of the clearer ones. I think the file is of tenth carbons with post-prime carbon paper.

Of the things I saw that I wanted to get but just couldn't afford to (as is it, I spent money as though it were my own) were (so far) three large memos on how Oswald was treated by the police. They were from 13 to more than 40 pages each. There is a prima facie case that <sup>BEIN</sup> believe Oswald had been denied his rights. One of the documents of which I ordered a copy today in a strange way, having to do with a legal technicality, was "Oswald" technically under arrest when "he" shot Tippit" (conclusion: probably not), there is a strong inference this man did not meet the broadcast description of the assassin. ~~This may have been Sly rather than Bein on O's rights.~~

There is also a more than 40 page memo on Marina that I couldn't afford.

These files are as Liebelar suggested, of the kind that can be used to justify some of the staff. He in particular wrote self-serving memos. Therefore, I am seeking not to attract too much attention to them. I am telling only you and Maggie about them. I will get from them what I know you are interested in, if you tell me, and you may also have copies of whatever I have from them, things that I get for my own interests. This, of course, means both of you. I'm sending Maggie a copy of this.

Among the things I noted today: Willens did the Foreword of the report. Stern, Presidential Protection expert. Coleman, Slawson, did lengthy memo on ~~SEE~~ possibility foreign conspiracy. The Specter file was almost barren - pro forma memos only. Although Griffin did the actual questioning, the questions to be asked of Dean were prepared by Specter.

This stuff is so illegible, I'll have to take it in small doses. If I find anything else that I think will interest you, I'll send it.

Hastily,