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Dear Chris,

I've been home but little since I saw you and have been more than usually overburdened when home. For the past week one of the assistant DAs has been working here, so I've had only the very early (like this) or very late hours to try and reduce the stacked accumulation.

Many thanks for the missing forensic pages.

The walkie-talkie thing is not certain, just looks like it, but the great magnifications required make for uncertainty. In this case it is in a still picture. I do not know the film in which Vince thinks he discovered the same thing. Do you? In this case the man also seems to be stationary.

The Howard story is still not entirely resolved, it is amazing, and I think the answer is self-interest. + had not difficulty at all accomplishing this once we spoke, for unlike the others who had seen him, I discussed, didn't just ask, answered the questions he had, which he found himself able to ask me, and there was the real possibility he had been framed, too. Also, prior to seeing him (which I'd arranged before leaving home), I learned the reason he went to court to avoid going. Thereby he served another interest, not his own. And, although he pretends to deny (without so doing) that the man I identified to him did talk him into it, he came to the inner realization of what happened.

But if you find that amazing, you should hear the six or so hours of Hall I have on tape! Including the clunking of the pistol he had in the Veterans' Hosp. with him. Had he not been bedridden we'd have explained immediately with me. He still says he'll go as soon as the doctors permits, but this is a more complicated affair, and there are powerful influences working on him from 3000 miles away. I cannot influence them greatly. He trusts me, but that also can be transitory. He is a strange man, very strange. But I did turn him on, the the point that he stipulated as his conditions for going to N.O. that I accompany him, have adjoining room, etc. We'll see. The other side has a very effective way of reaching him.

Orest Penn also turned on again, and was marvellous. He has become one of my assistant investigators, has made the basic determination he can be shot in the head for it, and resolved this conflict with the decision, "Okay, until then I live", and immediately bought a purple Cadillac convertible (which I also enjoyed-excellent car once you get used to the fancy features!). Thus I have been able to open up witnesses long silenced, and on tape. The result we have yet to get, but we are in new fields.

I have no reason to believe Penn and Craig are on the Seymour trail. I know where he is, although it had been secret, just cannot get to him.

The Sparrow thing looks like CIA through RCA, defense contractor, from what I've been able to establish. He has long-time intelligence connections and seems to be built like Shaw! Unmarried. He pretends a willingness to "tangle" but avoids it. The Times Supplement, while refusing me the chance to answer, gives it to Mark. Sparrow is relatively safe, though Mark should massacre him, because, so to speak, it takes two to tangle....Excuse the haste, and best to you all,

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

I inclose the rest of the xerox copies. I failed to send the concluding page of one I had made before, and had thought the rest of no value.

Somewhere I have the date of the Dayton Daily News clipping -- if I did not give it in my previous letter to you.

You mentioned the picture showing a man apparantly holding a walkie talkie during the assassination. I wonder if it is the same Vincent Salandria located in a series of moving pictures showing the man standing motionless during the assassination with what looks like a walkie talkie through that time.

Your visit with Lawrence Howard is amazing. I am very curious -- motivation, etc. Was it "life insurance" or why, and I cannot conceive that if he communicated there would be a lot of mystery left at the lower levels of the Dallas affair.

I would expect Penn and Roger Craig would be on the trail of Seymour. Again I am curious.

No word about John Sparrow. I can well imagine that the CIA would want to bring to America a man who had even a color of a belief in the Warren Report. I'd like to tangle with him.

The most useful thing I can do that I know of now is the writing of personal letters to people who might listen, such as editors, political figures, men of standing, etc. Once in a while I get real break-throughs with this, one of the best was a national paper that sent a correspondent to interview Garrison.

Best wishes

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