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Mr. J.C. Murdoch
Police Department
Grand Prairie, Texas

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Dear Mr. Murdoch,

Enclosed is a copy of page 141 of the sixth file of the Warren Commission. If you would like, you may keep it.

I have written a number of books about the Kennedy assassination and am continuing my researches and investigations. It is in this connection that I write you.

As you can see, the enclosed brief FBI report says you told Dallas Homicide Detective Sims, soon enough for him to have told the FBI by November 25, 1963, that Kerry W. Thornley was at a specific address in New Orleans, where he was employed as a writer, that he had been in the Marine Corps with Oswald and had recently been in Mexico, all of which is true, and that he had been with Oswald in Mexico and California, which was not true. Thornley had just been in California himself for some months.

You had a good, fast source of information. I am asking who this was, when and how he or she became known to you, and if there is anything else not included in this brief report.

Even what now appears to be wrong information is rather interesting, for there are a number of occurrences of false representation of Lee Harvey Oswald, seemingly one of the men least likely to have been counterfeited.

If you recall, by whom were you ever interviewed about this and when, and what did you then report, what were you then told or asked. This can be an important lead in the ultimate establishment of the truth. I do hope you will tell me everything you can, in the greatest detail possible. A number of questions occur to me. For example, was Thornley even in or around Grand Prairie, did he have friends there (who?), things like that.

I look forward to hearing from you.

And I do thank you for any cooperation you can offer.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg