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Dear Paul,

Thanks for the effort on Roddenberry, even if unsuccessful.

There are two very fascinating things in your letter: the CIA discrete interest in the assassination in Dallas three weeks ago, which is pretty recent, and how wrong your informant on Odio is and yet how close to right on every point. If and when you can add to either, I'd be very interested.

Down to where you say who Sylvia married your dope is correct. She married a Guillermo Herrera, as I remember it without looking it up. He left her, they patched it up and broke up again and she is now remarried and when last heard was living in Fla. I don't know anything about her new husband and her uncle lied, telling me he didn't know that or where she is.

The incident you describe is in WHITMASH, the chapter The False Oswald. It was in Dallas, not H.O. It may have involved several American mercenaries. The Bureau said it did, but the reports are not above questioning. The chief guy told me it is possible that he visited her but that there was no threat vs JFK. I interviewed him.

Now the one part that nobody knows to this point that I believe is that she did tell the priest. He was in Dallas when I saw you. I then interviewed him. Rev. Walter Bachann (lives with parents). Seemed like very nice guy, but at time assassination gave up priestly duties. He was in H.O. when Tom Kelley interviewed him, working in mental health. But that was 4/64. "Where is there any evidence that she told Bachann this in advance, and when I felt it was getting close to his oath, I didn't press him on the point.

Sylvia was not then working for Ricman-Arcus but as a secretary. She did pass out and was hospitalized. Here also you get very close to something else I've picked up and a right name but I think in the wrong use. I know nothing about the relapse, have no reason to question it. I picked up private information that friends feared she'd do herself in and two women, one of whom at least left Dallas, sat with her at the hospital to prevent this. I don't think Ramos was one. What you have of her is straight, but far from complete. Ask George Butler about her, and tell me what he says. She had a story about being offered a big wad for what she knew of the assassination. "Rudi Castore" brought her together with Butler, whose wife didn't like the idea and got uptight. If Butler ever filed any report, I've not seen. It makes more sense the way your informant tells it than the way it came to be, for I don't know Ramos could have known anything otherwise. You have her husband right, too. This part has always fascinated me. Remember, I asked you where Butler was and you told me at the jail? I never had time to look him up when I was there.

Sylvia b.f. was very wealthy, but not a Cuban. Louis Ferro, brother of Maurice, now governor of Puerto Rico. But according to my information, it was before she went to Fla. He was in cement. When Sylvia was sick he asked Texas Industries Rogers (the son, not the father) to take Sylvia in after surgery, and they did. Mrs. Ro left Dallas for six months the day she phoned her. There is a bit ~~about~~ about a pillow that is provocative, but I don't know the answer.

The recanting on a promise to talk may have been an approach from LIFE, which was much later.

You are right on Ramos' connection with the Catholic Cuban "clique" in Dallas. You didn't have the name. Her friend there was, as I recall, Marcelina Inana.

Paul, it is fascinating that your source is so close to so much, yet because he seems to be off, I wonder if his dope is second-hand? I won't make any guesses. Thanks much. Hope your affairs are going well. If you get any more, I'd be interested.

Sincerely,