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Dear Orestes,

When I wrote you the other day that soon I expected to have more of the FBI reports on you, I did not believe it would be this soon.

Now I begin by asking a small favor of you. I want you, please, to not let any of the people who were questioned about you know you have the FBI report of what the FBI says they said. It would not accomplish any good purpose, it might be unhelpful, and you might get angry. This also would not be any good. This means I am asking you not to tell anyone for the time being, because the word would get around in spite of promises. Also, my own experience with the FBI reports is that they are not always accurate. Many people, including Secret Service agents, swore they did not say what the FBI said they said.

As you will see, most are not really unfriendly anyway.

I think my suspicion was correct, however, that the FBI was trying to get ideas in Liebel's mind, to influence what he did and did not ask you about when you were a witness.

These came in the mail this morning, and I have had time to glance at them in a hurry only. Some of it should give you a laugh. Where you went to the FBI office to complain, they say you were there, but only "on another matter".

This is Warren Commission file No. 1349, all that is about you except the first two pages, which I sent you earlier.

Now one thing that might be helpful would be if you were to tell me what you can about those quoted.

I am writing this in a hurry to be able to mail it to you tomorrow. When I have time I will read a copy with more care and if there is anything I think I should tell you or ask you, I will then.

One thing I do want to add, and this also is about your saying not a word to anyone. In all the many thousands of pages of files I have gone over, there is only one other witness I can recall (not New Orleans), where they went to this much trouble to investigate him. I think this bears on the FBI's knowledge of the importance of what you know. Sometimes we know things and we do not, really, understand some of the ways in which they can be important. This sometimes takes knowledge we have not been in a position to get or understand. However, the great trouble they went to to investigate you is another reason I hope you will not mention anything about any of this to anyone, at least not until after we have a chance to talk. If you have any questions, ask. If you want to use tape, fine.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg