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Dear Harold:

Received your brief note of June 13. I found it amusing. If I knew what I believe in this complex area, I certainly would not be working as hard as I am to make some headway through boxes of documents and piles of interviews.

I met Mr. Moore when Trisha and I visited the Book Depository during our trip to Dallas a couple of months past. He seemed like a likable fellow, certainly earnest in his beliefs, and he even gave us a walking tour of Dealey Plaza (one of four that I had with different people while there!). But I had not read his book at the time I met him, and I still have not had a chance to read it, so I am not sure how I can agree with his "solution". That very word scares me as I am not sure there is a "solution" to the case.

Everybody sees what they want to see. Maybe I am too vocal in my intent to debunk the garbage in the literature, and I am free in my criticism of commercially successful critics and pseudo-historians like Lane, Lifton, Garrison and Stone. I think it is long overdue that the good material be separated from the chaff. The mistake is that some people may assume my vociferous criticism of some of the critics means my conclusions must be that there is no conspiracy. I wish the answers were so simple. If that was my conclusion, I would not now be in the midst of a major undertaking with the Soviets, and a possible Cuban outlet, to look into every aspect of the possibility of Oswald's intelligence ties to any nation.

I hate being categorized into neat little slots, but many people evidently have the desire to do that. I have had people express real surprise when I tell them I do not have preconceived notions on this case - too many people have started out with the case solved before they start their research, and they just compile "facts" to support their thesis. That's not my style as you know from my earlier books.

By the way, an interesting side comment in the Moore letter was that my book will be published by Random House in 1993. He is certainly more hopeful than I am that there are enough hours in the day to finish this work in another year. It's like a sand pile - you scoop out some handfuls, and it just reenters from the other side. Progress is steady, but sloooow.

Thanks for the diversion. Maybe by the time Mr. Moore buys my book he will have corrected the spelling of my name.

Trisha sends her best to both of you. Please give our warmest regards to Lil. We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Until our next meeting, as always,

