Dear Jerry, 8/22/80

The ta pe you told me about when you phoned came today. I had to go into town for medicine so I listened to it while driving until I came to that awful noise you call singing. The so-called song was Together, but as I told you before, not together with me. Without me. If there is anything you want me to know that followed, better twll me again.

You began with the story about your car airconditioner. Interesting that it nev r worked until by accident you turned the defroster on to dispel the fog. As I've been telling you for a long time, all you "ay's life in fog. Getting rid of it would help all of you.

Jimmy's idea of asking for a pardon when he proves who paid for the King job is interesting. The problem I see in it is how does he prove they did it and how does he prove he was not in on it. His claiming he wasn't won't get him very far. Maybe he sees how. However, it seems like a worthwhile project and if he can come up with the proof, I wish him success.

Of course, I see another thing here: why didn't he do it years ago when he had his best shot, the evidentiary hearing? He did nothing at all to help with that and he then wasdead set against what you say he says he is doing now.

I did realse it with him then. You ought to remember how he was set against anything like that. Remember the New Orleans phone number he wouldn't give me?

You say that Priscilla told you George is living in Baltimore now. There may be some special reason for it, like he could get a pad there, but offhand it does not seem to be the place I'd expect him to settle down once they split. Maybe he has a job there.

You say she told you she doesn't think he is doing another book. Then why should he write John and offer him money to help with it?

You also say that Priscilla said that you and Marina Oswald should open a school to teach others how to handle the press because you are both so good at it. She was pulling your leg. When she was promoting her book, Marina with her, Marina was always crossing her up, so she does not like the way Marina handles the press. I caught some of it, once when Priscilla was speechless because Marina said the opposite of what she had said and what her book said.

You are probably right when you say that John's situation looks bad. From the little I've heard about it it looks that way. If they have faked the evidence, they probably did a good enough fake. It takes real money and real experts to undo faked evidence.

When John wrote me I responded only to what he took up because his letters were delayed so long it was obvious they were being gone over.

How Jimmy will be able to prove that he knew enough to know who was behind killing King and still was not part of it will be interesting. And how he will prove that they were behind it also will be. I look forward to both.

Sincerely,