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Dear Miss Smith:

Thank you for your letter of December 23, 1976 and the documents separately mailed. I have some additional questions based on that letter and mine of December 7.

1. With regard to CD 1359, I would like to know exactly when it was classified "Top Secret" and by whom. Also, did it bear the "Top Secret" stamp when received by the Warren Commission? If there are any other copies of this letter in the Archives, I would like copies.

I note that the copy of CD 1359 that you sent to me appears to be a copy of a copy. I would like a copy of the original of Mr. Hoover's letter.

I would also like to know if a review is being made of the masked contents' classification. I hope that such a review is being made, since the nature of those contents has already been published in the Washington Post on November 13, 1976. As you may be aware, the Post reported that this letter quoted the source as saying that Oswald told Cuban officials of his plans to kill President Kennedy. That this information has already been published would seem to negate any claim to the (b)(1) exemption. Similarly, the Post reported that the source claimed to have been told the information personally by Fidel Castro, and suggested that the source was Rolando Cubela. Thus, the invocation of exemption (b)(7)(D) would seem to be inappropriate.

2. Item 2 of my letter of December 7 asked for any additional documents relating to CD 1359 "including any further inquiries by the Commission, any further information received from any source, and any attempts by the Commission to investigate, confirm or deny this information." No such documents were sent to me, although your letter states that "copies of the documents listed in items 1-8 of your letter are being sent..." Your letter does not state that no documents relevant to my item 2 have been found. If there are such documents, I would appreciate copies. If there are not I would like to be assured that a search has been made and that no such documents could be found in the Archives or the Commission's files.

3. On page 3 of the Coleman-Slawson draft memo of 4/1/64 a portion of a paragraph is masked. I would like a copy of the full page without any contents masked. Otherwise, I would like to know under which Freedom of Information Act exemption the Archives believes this masking is justified.

4. With regard to my item 9 (transcripts of intercepted telephone

conversations), you state that you have forwarded my letter to the CIA for direct response. I assume that these transcripts were classified by the CIA, so I appreciate your forwarding my letter there.

I do have additional questions regarding these transcripts that the Archives alone is in a position to answer. It has been publicly reported that copies of these transcripts were sent to the Warren Commission. Thus, I would like to know what Commission files they appear in and whether they are still in the Archives. I would also like to know when they were received by the Commission, whether they were sent pursuant to a request by the Commission and, if so, a copy of that request. Also, my letter of December 7 requested documents relevant to "further inquiries" by the Commission. I am still interested in such documents.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman