4/23/68

Dear Gary,

Read your letters of 4/18 and 19 last night, on late return from the city. Enclosed is a reminder to Steve Burton. I'll be seeing Jim 5/3, probably will be with him most of the time he is in Washington. Before his speech, I'll not want to disturb his thinking except where essential. Afterward, he'll be interested in reactions to it, etc. However, if thereis anything you think he should be handed personally or that you want explained to him, let me know.

Everyo thing youhave or thing re Thornley is, at the moment, urgent. Not because anything on him is imminent, but because I will not be able to backtrack on work I'll be doing. Most of this is mine, and I've a number of new witnesses to see as soon as I can. Therefore, I should know everything I can before seeing them. His writings interest me very much.

The arrnagements you are making for me sound fine. When you have an approximate date in mind, let me know so I'll keep that tome clear. I have some exciting new material, never before aired, that I'll save for your best TV thing and the newspapers, and I'll have fresh materials for eachx of the others, if I can find time to prepare in advance. Pleaase make no refercnce to it, but unless I have to use it earlier, I'll prove on your TV pick that what LIFE really bought from Zapruder was the right to suppress the film, that it was specific in the deal, that he had gotten about a quarter of a million dollars from it when the testimony showed he had gotten but $25,000, and that his take this far is about $500,000. Then, on the air, with pictures, I'll show exactly what was suppressed, disproving the Report by these pictures. Sound interesting?

Unless you are the victim of more interferences than most of us, the only thing that makes sense of the troubles with DVA is that you have some knowledge that can be enhanced by a study of that commercialOverdicum of the excellent footage. Why not make formal, quite, written protest to the P.O. at this point?

When you finish your study of the micro, please send me three or four extra copies so I can send them to those with whom you have no contact.

One of the things I've wanted to do something about but never did is that Army Intelligence incident. I've forgotten now how I first learned of it. I have a

Few minor things relating to their interests, including theinterviewing of witnesses. I am interested.

N is now out, of should be. Court action.

It is possible that I amy want a lie-detector or pentathol test, but I do not know where. Possibly in the N.O. area. Is the psychiatrist of the subject adequate for the pentathol? Do you or your professor know anyone down there I can get to do it (without fee, for I cannot pay for it) and in the strictest confidence, should it be necessary?

I have a new and important witness who has what I take to be relatively minor psychiatrick problems, and I wonder whether or how this relates to credibility?

M's work in Memphis was brilliant. I haven't seen him but I was in touch with him by phone, made a backstop tape for him and am holding it.

Sincerely,

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April 18, 1968

Dear Harold,

I spoke with Vince about Memphis and found out about M[redacted]. I'm glad, needless to say, that someone so talented moved so quickly to get down there.

I still don't understand the DCA problem. It was your book which, of course, put me on to it so I found it hard to imagine that there was any missed intelligence on it. Currently, however, the 3rd copy which was sent to be by registered mail is long overdue. Al Bunnel will have a fit when he finds out. It seems too costly to be a red herring since I'll discuss this as a concrete example of current govt. involvement the next time I can find the time to get on radio or TV.

I'll send you copies of all my memos as soon as I can. They should have gotten a package from me very recently which was sent by way of our man in Memphis directly to Jim (to be delivered). It contains a transcript of my recent tape and a final summary and commentary on my material. As for what I left in NO, it included the following:

1. A lengthy report on all my contacts with K. including complete medical records on him.
2. An addendum on my report on K. which explained the psychological test results and their implication.
3. A report on my investigation of CE 3067.
4. An addendum to my report on CE 3067 concerning the present addresses of some of those involved and negative report on those individuals in the NO area who I checked out.

Item 1 above was handed to Jim when I first saw him. Item 3 was given directly to his secretary (the one just outside his office) with instructions that it should go directly to him. Items 2 and 4 were left with the Herrons to be taken directly to Jim. I left word that you were to have access to copies of everything, and only you were to be given copies of the medical data since it could get me in trouble. I discussed all of this info with Jim and he was quite interested. The stuff on CE 3067 may be another lead into the plot much like the several exile groups which helped pin down the Bay of Pigs by spilling the beans a bit early. The Miami leads and woman near by are essentially part of items 3 and 4 above.

I have no good NO sources on Oswald. I'll send the Ortiz stuff when I get the chance. No rush. If it's real it wouldn't seem to be too useful. If it isn't real, this guy's an agent. I'm still checking him out. The handwriting is either authentic or a good forgery--has been checked out by a certified expert. I'll keep after ONI. Rollens, aka Holmes was the middle aged negro woman who approached Vince with info which turned out to be phoney. (see the letter to the editor which I sent you) Haven't seen Oliver yet, but you can never tell--he was the first person to say that the CIA did it, although for the wrong motive.

As for the thing I mentioned about Jim, what the group out here might be interested in would only take about an hour of time and permit him to

reach an audience far from New Orleans. Furthermore, it would require little or more likely no preparation on his part.

Sorry but I didn't follow the stuff about the photo of the rifle.

Should be in contact soon with setup for possible appearance here. So far I have a lecture at the U. of Minn. (41,000 students and a newspaper which goes to the legislature), a short lecture at a U. in St. Paul, 3 short TV shows and a 1/2hr. TV Special, a 4 hr. radio show, plus a full news conference. The money looks like $300 to $350 plus full expenses. The student government out here is broke and will be chipping in virtually all of their remaining money. I have offered to write an article on you for the college paper and to deliver a lecture with slides and tapes about two days before to get people thinking about the case and to remind them of the basics. In general this is a very naive, conservative audience, which is q uite susceptible to reason and doesn't like the idea of the government hiding things from them.

I have 4 magazines articles written by Thornely. If you don't have them (they're from a flesh magazine--Men's digest) I'll send copies. They don't add anything too important but do underscore his basic motives since they're a summary of his longer works.

Take it easy. Might I suggest that unless I can do anything for you that you only reply to my letters occasionally the way Vince does when he's busy. It's great to find someone who is as organized and conscientious as you are about answering letters, but I'm sure you could put the time to better use. I'd hate to see you run out of steam when your work is needed more than ever.

Gary

P.S. I'll check the micro this weekend. My study of the classified documents is finished although my comments and suggestions on various facets of my findings are still in preparation. As soon as it's complete I'll send you a copy.

Vince wants to give Marina's best friend a lie detector test and has recently discussed it with her mother. I'm trying to set it up out here since Lykken is one of the top men in the world. The major drawback might be the APA ethics committee. I should know in about a week. In any event, by late in the summer I will be competent to give one myself and will have use of the first rate equipment in our research unit.

P.S.S. I hope everything is OK with Steve Burton. He never replied to my last letter and one of his relatives who was supposed to come over to give me a mail drop so I could send him both my material and my drop, never showed.

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April 19, 1968

Dear Harold,

I just remembered some things I forgot in the last letter. First of all, enclosed is a carbon copy of the first letter I sent to Jim, back in April of 1967. The content is self-explanatory, except that the research materials sent with this letter concerned CE 3067. I wouldn't have sent it through the mail if Lane hadn't told me to. I sent several others after this one since I was unaware that Garrison's mail was being picked. I had never lost anything in the mail to that date, although several things had been delayed or opened in late 1965 or 1966. I sent it by mail because Lane told me to, even though he said that he'd communicate this stuff to Garrison for me. I did not offer my time as an investigator since I didn't think anything had happened out here and Vince was quite capable of taking care of goings on in Phila. I did write and offer to check out Crafard in Michigan and Earl Ruby in Chicago. (I spent some time on the latter but the net results were zero.) Much later I wrote him about the possibility of a double head hit and my observations concerning the autopsy of the head and brain and also sent a list (footnoted) concerning all suspects arrested on Nov.22 in Dallas along with copies of my writings. Also sent some things taken from my notes on the volumes in case he hadn't noticed them: i.e. material on possible getaway car--white station wagon, 2 males, rifle (?) in back, Texas plates--PE 3435, luggage rack on top (XXIII,865,872). When I was in NO I mentioned the latter since Lane hadn't taken the info down, and Jim said that if it was the one he knew about, they had checked it out.

After your engagement out here is set up, I'll have to call you sometime and tape you about your background, how you got into the case, etc. so I can write an article on you and have the local TV people set to give productive interviews.

If you write to Steve Burton and get a chance, please mention that I haven't heard from him and am concerned that he didn't get my letters. I can't afford another phone call to him. He seems like quite a stable fellow and some collaboration with him might be quite productive.

Take care.

Gary

Did I ever ask you if you were familiar with the incident involving the Army Intelligence man inside the Depository after the shots? Vince wasn't. It may be significant.

P.S. Keep the carbon of the Garrisen letter - it won't do any good now

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April 6, 1967

Mr. Jim Garrison
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Dear Mr. Garrison,

I recently spoke with Mark Lane and he advised me to send the enclosed information on to you. I showed him these materials on April 3 and 4th, and he said at that time that he wasn't sure that you were aware of these particular FBI reports or the individuals involved. Lane can fill you in on who I am, but briefly: I have read the 26 volumes and made extensive notes on their content, principally for the purpose of documenting articles and public speeches in which I have been trying to convince people that the investigation must be re-opened. In addition, however, I have spent the past 2½ years running down certain pieces of evidence and putting together a critique of certain portions of the report.

The enclosed FBI reports involve one area which I have attempted to investigate. (I have discussed the case at great length with Vincent Salandria, but he has been too busy to help with this particular facet of my researches.) None of the persons in these FBI reports live in Martinsburg any longer but I do have a lead to the present address of the Kauffmans and also to the present address of one of Margaret Hoover's other daughters who may know where her mother is now. Margaret Hoover is somewhat advanced in age but according to my sources is still alive. I will communicate with you as soon as I have any more information. I will also send you some other materials in which you may be interested as soon as possible. [redacted]

Good luck in your investigation and I hope that you can manage to provide yourself with sufficient protection until you can carry this case to its end.

Sincerely yours,

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