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Dear Gary,

About 10 o'clock last night I had a phone call from a man identifying himself as Henry Litman (phon), a friend of yours, and in Washington. He said he had been working in the Archives, but only going over old stuff-finding citations he had seen in various books and getting copies for his own presentations, before audiences (if any) he did not specify. He plans to spend but two more days there. He asked if there is anything he can do for me and said he was interested in getting what he could showing Oswald's intelligence connections.

As soon as he said this I told him I am doing a book on this subject. He nonetheless seemed to expect me to tell him over the phone what I have collected on this. I didn't. I tried, without saying I was not about to give away the content of a book and so much work, for no real purpose, that the subject was not simple, that the material did require a degree of sophistication and putting together and interpreting, but he seemed to think there would be a memo or two in which it would all be articulated.

Because he wants to be able to show something, I referred him to the Hudkins report. He has learned so little in the time he has been there he did not know there is a name file, and he did not assume the possibility. He says Simmons is on vacation and that Johnson is helpful and cooperative. I told him how to get it. As an afterthought, I also told him to ask for everything on Thayer Waldo. He has xeroxed some documents, but he describes them as what he got in following the citations of others. Nonetheless, I asked him to send you and me copies of the list of docs he has copied. He is leaving Wednesday for Cleveland and goes to the Twin Cities from there, he says.

I suggested to him, since he is your friend, he should have consulted with you before going to the Archives, and intended suggesting he should have phoned me on arrival, not departure. I might have been able to see him there, or here. He expects to see Bud (who I did not expect back until later this week) today. I told him to ask Bud to phone me.

If his only purpose was to get copies of documents of which he knew, it seems wasteful to make the trip to DC. If he intended getting other things, he should have sought help earlier. So, I did not wind up impressed.

He has one interesting concept, one I've never been able to pursue but have suspected from the first (WW138): did LHO know he had a double or doubles? I encouraged him to pursue this.

Nothing else new. Lil, who has had an almost continuous headache for several weeks, has retyped about 200 pp of the ms of the COUP add, which is getting close to the halfway point (and it makes 150 pp of the finished, legal-size pages of about 600 words each. I am okay, getting to spend some time daily in vigorous (for me) outside physical work (four hours yesterday). I have not yet decided whether to call Bolden (money) or write. I hope Bud comes up this week so we can proceed- and I wonder what he learned in N.O., what he got, and how he interprets.

When do you expect to leave for Dallas? Best,