8/30/69

Dear Gary,

Herewith I return the Mondale-California things. I've written Jasper, copy enclosed, and will phone him Wednesday.

Too much mail, too many interruptions today for proper response. I want to get the reading/correcting done. It is becoming a burden and right now I want none. We've had a few problems here and I find they now bother me too much, so it is not a good day.

No rush in Itek. I've too much to dao anyway.

R.B and Bob Cutler are one and the same. He is a nice guy. You can evaluate him from the work, of which I have a copy. Dined with him a week ago in Boston. I've known him since February 1967.

When your personal situation permits, I should have anything on Jerry as soon as you have it. This tells me nothing new, but the details may have significance. I've had only the one issue of The Councillor! Suscription in wife's name. I've already written Dick today. Does he get Thunderbolt?

No rush on PMIII/

You do not say whether you want the slide sheets returned, so I enclose them, too. I do not know whether each of these items represent an appropriate slide, but in the event they do, I'd like them. Perhaps, since there is no rush, it would be best and certainly cheapest for your friend to make them out there? Let me know the cost. If they do not represent a lisde in each case, I have no other interest in them.

Now that you are ~~xxx~~ using it, it is too late, but I would prefer no mention of the stuff I haven't printed. There is too much without it in such a presentation, and the first thing we'll know it will be used by someone and I'll not be able to sell it, which is important to me. What I'll be saying has not yet taken firm form, assuming I'm booked.

Sheidan-Townley letter to JG. No response, none expected.

Fred's letter is frightening. "I told you so". Someone is en route here, so I'll start the relatively few comments I'll make. Boxley stuff, whatbshe told me. I haven't sufficient knowledge of her knowledge to estimate its value, or the value of what may have been their major thrust (I suspect all agreed it was the red Oswald). He has probably portrayed her politicial beliefs rather kindly, but essentially right, I'd say, from my brief meeting.(I was never at such a meeting as he quotes her on and never made such a comment. The closest things to it would not be recognized from this and is inconsistent with it.) I met her at dinner at Bud's home, where there was one other stranger, a man who has done some investigating for Bud and his wife.

My man came and has gone, and with him the prospect of holding onto a small collection of money due us since 1967. But, aside from the need for an aluminum coating in the Spring, this collection will give us the overdue new roof we have needed for two years and I'll have about $350 more to find in March or April. What I live in Gary, is not the traditoonal garret but the modern equivalent!

Fred's newfound ego is something. Only Mary can keep <u>you</u> from having a "lopsided view of the case and an incomplete view of this New Orleans sitiation". His second reference, elliptical as it is, is more troubling.

If his interview was with one of the mercenaries, I'll be surprised if he has anything not stuffed down his throat. I turned Harry Dean on for the second time, by radio, the first time the demon Turner flubbing it beautifully. This time I spoke to him by phone. He came to Fred's, with a vase full of materials (musch but not all junk). All fred had to do was copy it. It has been a year and a half. Have you seen any of it. Dean gave it all to me, Fred's jaw slacked visibly, and this simple, mechanical thing he couldn't follow through on. Unless he has sharpened much, he'll be an animated toilet by the time those mercenaries finish with him! He may be right about turning certain witnesses off, but it didn't happen in LA. I accomplished more than I set out to, more than I'd hoped to, improvising every bit of it. But it took them three months to transcribe the tapes, and they didn't get them to N.O. until after Hall and Howard were there. He is also wrong about the "all-knowing ploy". I did the opposite with all but Dean, and what I did with Dean floored Fred. He could not stop praising it-and I feld in the last minute, after a 22 hour day, to begin an all-night show-six hours - and took over the radical right local talker to boot. What I did was let Hall and Howard babel, just coming in enough to keep them going, switch them around so they'd forget yheir lies, etc. The proof of the pudding, friend, is that each asked me to take him to NO.O after he'd gone to court and didn't have to go. I have difficulty understanding Fred on this. Other legitimate complaints are legitimate, not that one.

I stayed with Mary too long. Her observation is reasonably accurate. I had trouble breathing driving home and for a while was apprehensive. That was a 21 or a 22-hour day, too much for me now.

I'd like to see Boxley's bio, but not vital. I am in accord on the essence, and so far as I am concerned, that is past. My only wonder is did I do the right thing to "save" us, did I really save us? I think the use of what I gave Oser on the government witnesses makes the answer yes, for from what I've seen, he used it beautifully, especially when you consider the handicaps, most unknown to tohers. They were great.

Jaffe cannot be honest, should he want to, and I don't think it is afconsideration with him. He is also a fool and a dope. I read one "truth session" of Ray, Maggie, Fred, Marlyn and Burton. It is juvenile. If there is another, I'd like to read it not for what Fred pries but from what Jaffe blebs. There is no reason to believe Jaffe "respects" Fred's opinion (that ego again, strenge change in him). But if he will still "like Jaffe whichever way he swings", what is Fred saying about Fred? And how can J influence "the lives of a few that are on the block". This counds sinsiter with the coming JG reference. I think Dave has Fred turned on and will be using him.

"She had no trouble fitting the Bradley puzzle together". Are they still on that? "Separating" Swift and Mc Intyre is like separating Hitler and Mussolini. Why bother? Rap Brown and Rockwell are "but symbols" of "the real problem, a communications breakdown"? That is what both symbolize? Incredible! And he pontificates it! You've got a live one there, buddy!

He'll neverdream when H/H/ and Bradley are telling the truth. At least two do not know themselves and do not care, really. Howard is better than Hall.

Translate this:"I also feel that becuse of my associations of late and information I have that I know roughly how this plot worked and some of the people involved". Lifton? Are they past the ppint of no return? If part of the conclusions come from "some of the work I've done", I recall his "work" proving that each of the frames of the Zap fil was remade! He says "a clock is now running", and I agree. But I think we have different clocks in mind.

The troubling (meaning most troubling) part begins here: his caution to you about your dealings with Jim and the office. "I think these people are dangerous" (valid, but I doubt he knows why or is implying what I'd consider). But as alternatives

whatever his new intelligence is that he doesn't share with you, he has, "I think there may be another explanation, or Jim may have stepped over that grey line that separates normality from abnormality". He concludes, "believe me, I am not tossing this out lightly".

As in haste I ponder the major business, what can it be, I see Lifton and his sick but exceedingly cunning mind manipulating this fatuous ass, and I find myself more and more considering it possible he is going to come up with "proof" Garrison has been a government agent all along. I'll have to think about this, because any attack on Jim can get some attention and will do nothing but harm to the rest of us. I think you should use your best talents here, telling him whether or not JG is "normal", that is no reason for your not seeing what he has, thus probing and bringing out the newfound genius and fatherliness, for no doubt Fred will want to shield you from a fate worse than death. Give him every possible chance. Look how patronizing he is when he tells you, "The case can wait (because of all they are doing) even though you could be a big help now (not before?) and we'll (him and Lifton?) need you later for sure(in a couple of months". By then there will be the brass spittoons to attend! Talk about SINK!

Louis told me (or Moss, less dependable), that the chart was Boxley's concept. If Moo it could well have been the opposite, Mary could be right. I gave you a copy, didn't L. I gave one ti Paul R if I didn't.

If you had seen Vince as I saw him, Mussoline 50 pounds lighter, eyes and all, you'd have little trouble believing he wanted people arrested, but I do not. I do know everybody but Jim was goijg crazy trying to get him out of town in December, and he flatly refused when I tried to do it gently, by repeated request (I also concurred- I was more apprehensive than anyone else!). You may not be able to believe it, but this was beyond description, mine, certianly. I creep with goosepimples at the thought. (By the way, when I was travelling I checked the regulations, and I was wrong in what I said about the excursion rate, it had been changed. But I am not wrong about how I was medx to feel.) I'm inclined not to believe No. 2, page 3. Vince had little to do with the staff. He stayed with JG except during brief intervals of the days, most of which he kept on the files, as I started him with the Turner one. I even had him there on Sunday early morning to continue, and kept him there until lunch time. Thereafter he was with Jim, as I would not be (to which everyone agreed, even though Jim asked me to be with them. I found an excuse. I checked this with the staff and they concurred.) So, it is also not too likely in terms of time. Although he can get pretty hot pretty fast.

No. 3: I am responsible for Jim's change on Bobby, to begin with and keeping him that way. If it is wrong, it is my error. I have not changed my mind. It was right. Typically, he went overboard. She probably quotes him accurately. Perhaps it and the Hoffa quote are out of context. Remember, you say Hoffa to them and they see Sheridan. Bud's record on Bobby is not shameful (his performance was not as good as it could have been, but under the circumstances, and performance was credible). He did cross-examine him when no Senator would. He'd have left the country of Bibby got elected.

No. 4: possible but I have no knowledge. Inclined to doubt the planned Lawrence arrest. It was not possible to arrest Bradley anyway. Bud has this belief about Lawrence. I do not. What is "Lysome" written in the margin here?

No 5. Jaffe is right. I know it. JG never did any investigating anyway. Such menial pursuits are not for God, only for serfs.

No. 6, the last part is true (toward the end only). Cannot say on first. Doubt it in this sense, for he did not want a defeat.

No. 7: Don't know. Who ate the others? ThatI'd like to know

No. 8: True. I couldn't get Oser and Alford, Alock of JG to use "and others unknown" to provide for a false Oswald. I felt without it there was no cance of winning. It is worse tha here, for they agree it could not have been the real LHO in Russo. I also warned them repeatedly about Russo, even finding people who had personal dealings with him when they disregarded what I have in O in NO. Russo was a witness to the lit distribution, which one I do not know. He still has a leaflet but would not go for it Part 2, True, but out of context. Two years before he got started in when he arrested Ferrie. I now know this was not Martin, even if JG thinks so. I have it from one of the suppressed documents, one suppressed for this reason only. But the stuff about Martin's knowledge is true. I have case after case of it. They should have used his blabbing to find their leak. It is probably in the mail with this stuff, but not with all. Some of what he blabbed to me was hand delivered.

No. 9: They had two sets to my knowledge in 4/67, which is pretty early.

No. 10. True. O in NO, pp 101-2. And more.

No, 11/ Nobody took Martin seriously. The only good dope they got from him I did when I got him so sentimental he actually wept. Jim was astounded when I took him in with it. Typically, they went no further. We even both signed a copy of O in NO for him, which also touched him. He liked me then because I didn't denigrate him, alone among writers. Several reporters told me he wept to them about this, too. But he cannot distinguish between fact and fancy. I once had his ONI contact's number and gave it to Jim. I got it from him! I do not now have it, alas. But it means nothing anyway.

No. 12: Bud has wealth. Inheritance. He is strating frugally because he has few clients. His is not the kind of practise that requires the client's presence, for he handles government cases for out-of-towners. Who is Wolner in NY? But by taking inexpensive but convenient space, he has six rooms. He moved into larger quarters soon after starting. The address is a good one for mail clients who know DC. It is 15 and K, NW, a block from the two best hotels and in the heart of the best office-bldg area.

No. 13, about the house, true. They can afford it/ They were talking about the burning incident when I was there for dinner. It was earlier. I think Fred is the one confused here, He is neither right-wing nor left wing. How he seems will be interpreted by right-or leftleaning auditors and the subject of the discussion. But he is not "right".

15: I doubt if he has ever asked anyone directly for a contribution. He is the kind who will let it be known, no more. He needs help for doing things he feels he cannot spend his own money for (like publishing my limited editions, unless he put me on when he first read PM and COUP). I believed him. I know one place he did try (with the wrong book).

17 Doubt it. This is interpretative. Sue is way out. If they were to say he is, in their opinion, an agent, it would be more credible that his "trying to nullify any Congressional investigation". This is the way they may think. It is immature. There is now little likelihood of such an investigation.

In reminding you again that Fred takes more time than he can possibly be worth, this being another example, I admit the importance of my request above and hope you can find time for it soon. That may lead to something. With a perjury trial coming up there could be a time for another "Farewell America".

By now you should know the pattern of my typing errors. While I have misgivings about mailing something done too-hastily, like this, I comfort myself with the thought you are, with this long experience, better equipped!

Best,

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Dear Harold,

Sorry it has taken me so long to write, but school work is very burdensome as prelims draw closer. Many thanks for writing and keeping me up on what is going on.

Yours of 8/16: Agreed on Crafard memo. There is more to come which will make some of the wilder hypothesizing appear less wild. The FBI suspected it and even showed his photo, that much we can be pretty sure of, insofar as false Oswald theorizing goes. In addition, that electrical contractors incident, which so impressed ONI and others and was one of the first to attract attention within the government, was most likely Crafard. Mercer connection is that if Ruby was driving the truck, Crafard would have been the logical guy to be carrying the package. My general interest is in Ruby involved in this thing no knowing what it was and Crafard getting out of town after realizing a linkup and perhaps his own unknowing accomplice. Right now though this, and the memo to come, will be a start. I want to go over him with a fine toothed comb and will begin this Fall. The theorizing adds nothing, except for the false Oswald possibility.

I will send you my xerox of the Itek Nix film analysis if Paul doesn't have one. It would be better to get something other than mine though, because it is only a poor xerox which they sent me. Masterman, like Longbottom, has actually read very little on the case. It is amazing how far behind those overseas are in following this case.

There is a new book on the case out, published privately, by Cutler of Cutler Designs in Massachusetts. I have no time to read it but suspect that it is of little value. It cost $4 and would not be worth your purchasing it. If you like I can lend you mine. It is called "The Flight of CE 399: Evidence of Conspiracy" and seems, at first glance, to consist of calculations of a number of possible trajectories and times of firing from different places. The big problem is uncertainty about its accuracy. The author, RB Cutler, who wrote me a short note, sounds a bit eccentric, and the one paragraph of the thing I read also suggests this.

The Olson letter from Itek about not giving him permission to make addition copies is seemingly bullshit. What objection could LIFE have. In addition, why not permission to reproduce pages which do not contain photos. By the way, is the Bob Cutler mentioned in your letter to Bud of 8/21 the same as RB Cutler? From your letter I assume that it is.

The last issues of the Thunderbolt have things on Jerry Ray being honored at a big banquet, and on Stoner, who is the NSRP National Chairman. If you can get these things from Dick, since in addition to being busy, I have loaned them to a black militant for a few days.

I got PM III--only hope that I can find time to read it before you need it back. These are tough times and my eye is overtaxed by studying as is my concentration.

Enclosed is a list of the slides I have which is very incomplete. It gives my basic presentation although slide groups A, P, and M usually are optional, and in any event, come at end of talk. Now I have FPCC slides, Rose Cherami, the Haiti Invasion newsclipping, O in NO, and other odds and ends added. I also have slides of some of those memos on LHO as an agent which I decided not to tell Bud about since you are planning to use them in your book Oswald-Agent. (This list was made up for Bud.) Still to come are slides of sections of your books and other items. Also, I have the full set on 133A and B from Fred. My suggestion is that I send you copies of everything I have (have have pretty close to a full extra set already made up for emergencies) and then you can chose what you want copied and I can get it copied for you or you can have it copied. The enclosed sheets only give some indications of the possible value of each slide in terms of using it.

Who is the Jim to whom your letter of 8/18 about Sheridan and Townley was addressed? Is this Jim Schmidt?

Glad to hear that you are still relaxing. Hope your condition improves.

I will reply to Chris' long letter when I get the chance. I don't have a copy of the Penthouse piece yet. I would like to xerox one since the mag. costs $1.

Undoubtedly some great number of people got good pictures of you, but I don't know any of them. I will check with the newspapers and see if I can dig one up. The Minnesota Daily (campus) published two excellent ones. If I can get negatives or positives, I will send them.

Since I want to get this in the mail and have no money on me whatsoever, I am sending you some items I would normally have xeroxed for you: 1. List of my slides, 2. Fred's letter to me of August 24, and 3. Mondale's last letter. Feel free to copy any and return them at your leasure. Fred's letter makes me very apprehensive, and although he has calmed down in some respects, it fortells troubles. By the way, although I don't know what Mary has or showed him, I assume that Dave Lifton is the guy who gave him info which solves the case. Lifton may be competing with Mary for Fred's good graces--he feels such pressures often. Also enclosed are copies of letters to Dick Bernabei and Chris in Scotland--keep these. On Mondale, do whatever fits your schedule and inclinations. If you can't do it I would appreciate your having Bud do it sometime. It will help me politicially and might even gain us an ally of sorts--who knows what is possible. It is interesting that given my letter to him he mentions only you in this one(remember, I mentioned both you and Bud, figuring you might not have time and he might feel more comfortable with Bud## since Bud is only recently retired from the establishment). It might be interesting to brief him on the Haiti bit and the JD's ## lask of desire for evidence, or ather subjects. I intended the Z film thing as an opening.

Well, I've got to go now. Our distinguished visitors from Yugoslavia are due tonight. By the way, I can't for the life of me remember anything in the case relating to Yugoslavia, although if he has intelligence contacts perhaps they have something on Kara-patnitski or Reggab.

Warmest wishes to you and your wife. All of us I am sure are worried about your health--take care of yourself. When we are through with our academic crises such as prelims, orals, etc. we will be able to take over some of the work doad.

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August 24, 1969

Dear Gary,

Mary left yesterday and we had a hectic four days with little sleep, and much information exchange. Mary has had a close relationship with JG...hours and hours of meetings, phone calls, and did much research to try to help the case.

She filled me in on Jim, Boxley and the office, the trial, etc. This woman is a good researcher and her cronologys make me believe she has a grasp of this case that tops Sylvia. Dave agrees.

Anyway, if you want to talk to someone that knows what, who and why, then by all means see Mary. I agree with her mostly, and urge that you get her story before you form any firm judgements about this case. For instance, as you know, I am impressed with Dave's knowledge of the case. Well, Dave was impressed with Mary's work.

Ideologies aside, Mary has the most complete body of information in the country in spite of her limited archives work. Her on-site studies are massive, hour by hour and incredibly well organized.

If you miss seeing her, you will have a lopsided view of the case and an incomplete view of this New Orleans situation. That's my opinion, take it for what it's worth.

I understand what you were saying about that interview I sent. I should have mentioned that this meeting was approached with the idea of establishing contact, confidence, etc. We (Larry and I) deliberately went easy and didn't bone up because we didn't want to wind up asking pointed and hostile questions at thid time. My limited knowledge of interviewing leads me to try the soft approach that gradually escalates to "knitty gritty" sessions later.

We deliberately played dumb on many things and knew that since these guys are 30 minutes away there was no hurry to be aggressive. This is not a cop out, but I can see why you would consider this memo lightweight.

Harold had pressure, and schedules to follow when he was here and this hampered his interviews, plus the fact that he used the "all knowing" ploy and winds up turning certain witnesses off. (not all)

By the way, Mary was concerned for Harold's health, said he looked very ill, had emphazema, etc. Marlynn and I are likewise concerned for Harold. What do you know abot this?

Mary was prepared to dislike Harold when she met him in D.C. and came away with the opinion that he was delightful, thought he had contributed much to the case and has repect for him.

Her opinion of Turner is very low, and likewise Boxley. With Boxley she personally likes him, but considers him physiology and psychology a sick man.

She had him (Boxley) write out his biography and I have a copy of this in Boxley's hand writing, from 1927-1968. Boxley did this under pressure and not voluntarily and knew Mary would check him out. I'll see if I can copy this for you on a confidential basis. She also said there is another William Wood who lives in Austin and is an active recruiter for the CIA, but that he is a much older man than Boxley and has seen pictures of this other Wood.

She told me enough about Jaffe to make me think he has not been entirely honest in his sessions with us. She loves Steve, but doesn't tell him much because he "talks too much."

We are going to have a big truth session with him sometime soon and I warned him that I want a very minimum of bullshit this time. I'm getting tired of his covering up for others, and himself, so if he respects my opinions, he'll come on straight and if he doesn't then I'm going to put some pressure on him. I know how.

Basically, I like Steve and which ever way he swings, I'll like him, but will consider him weak and amoral if he shucks this time. This time the reputation and lives of a few are on the block, so I consider this a serious matter.

See Mary anyway you can, and you can approach her in a straightforward manner as she (of the three in Dallas) is a very sophisticated Southern belle with many friends of many persuasions, has read widely and does not see Gus Hall under every bed. Her background and world view are conservative, but she can spot a right wing kook, and also tell the difference between the ADA and Joe Stalin. In otherwords, she can make distinctions between shades of left and shades of right philogophies..

(Also, she knew Barbara Reed way back when, as she used to hang out in the quarter when she worked as a painter 25-30 years ago.)

She had no trouble fitting the Bradley puzzle together and separated Wesley Swift from Carl McIntyre, which would give some liberals great difficulty.

She can recognize dangerous people on either end of the spectrum and would know that Rockwell and H. Rap Brown are but opposite sides of the same coin. Both have tunnel vision and are but symbols to a real problem...a communication breakdown. Both offer "nifty" answers to insoluable problems.

You advised me to be very critical of Bradley/Howard/Patrick and to evaluate them carefully. I agree with this advice. I have some advice for you that I offer very seriously because I like you and value you as a friend and as a critic. I think you have and will continue to make very important contributions to solving this case. I also feel that because of my associations of late and information I have that I know roughly how this plot worked and some of the people involved.

I came to this opinion only in the last month or so, partly because of some work I've done and mostly because I've been privy to information most critics don't know about and maybe never will. I hope they will and am working to make this come true. A clock is now running and the plot is close to public disclosure.

I know this sounds fatuous...coming from me, but that's how I look at things now. I'm encouraged as never before.

Anyway, this is a round about way of getting to my point. I'm not going to be specific here and want only to say this: Just as you warned me about Bradley/Howard, etc. I want to caution you to be very careful in your dealings with Jim and the office.

I think these people may be dangerous and want to be on record to you before you get to far along with them. I'm not going to try to alter any opinion you may have of these people...I don't think I could, especially since I've made incredible flip flops in my own views. I think there may be another explanation, or Jim may have stepped over that grey line that separates normality from abnormality. This sounds funny coming from me to you (with your background) but believe me, I am not tossing this out lightly.

I'm happy you are back to studying for prelim's and hope you stay away from the case and Jim and prepare for your examinations. That's important. The case can wait even though you could be a big help now. Some good solid work is being done now and we'll need you later for sure (in a couple of months.)

More later,

FRED

P.S. Any luck with that H.H.H. speech? I don't think this is important to any work being done, it's just a facinating oddity that I would like to see.

MORE:
Mary seemed to know a lot about what went on in N.O. Among the things she mentioned that seemed of interest were the following:

1. That chart you sent with the Boxley stuff is different from the one she has. She has a copy of the original, which was done on lined yellow notebook paper. She said that JG had started the chart, and that Boxley had finished it. On her copy, the questions asked at the bottom and some of the writing in the boxes is definitely JG's as she knows it, and the rest is Boxley's as she is also familiar with his handwriting.

2. She said that Vince had also suggested people to arrest to the staff and JG - but that the staff had disagreed.

3. She said typical office conversation was "What's so bad about Hoffa?" and "... that S.O.B. RFK." (Bud talks like this reguarding RFK) She had heard Jim say this many times, and was surprised when he changed reguarding Bobby, saying "he's not too bad."

4. She gave us the story of Jack Lawrence, and said he was considered a "shooter" and was to be arrested the same time Gene Bradley was. (You mentioned this in one letter in some N.O. stuff). (When Bud was here he pointed out the "shooter" to us in his mug book, and it was Lawrence.)

5. Mary said that JG was actively involved in investigating Bradley (Jaffe says it was Boxley and Turner alone, and they convinced JG about Bradley).

6. JG ~~xxx~~ told Mary and Buck - "I'm not interested in convicting Shaw - he only had a minor role."

7. The main thing JG went on when he picked up Clay Shaw was Clay Shaw and Clay Bertrand had the same first names. Mary found leads that pointed to several people using the name Clay Bertrand, but nothing was ever done to follow this up.

8. Mary got extremely upset with JG as he would tell her one thing, and then tell the press the exact opposite the next day. Several of the things she pointed out to him were: if LHO was not guilty, then the Shaw case is unrelated. JG explained that he didn't say he was innocent, that he didn't fire a shot.

When she tried to find out what lead made JG go after Ferrie, she learned that it was on information they had gotten three years before the ~~xxx~~ N.O. thing started.

9. She also said that the staff did not have the volumes during the early months and would run to the public library and return with xerox's of the pages of testimony.

10. She said that at one time the office learned that LHO was supposed to have been in Louisiana in 1961 - until it was pointed out that LHO was in Russia at the time. Then the office reasoned that if LHO was in Russia, then this must have been his double. But nothing was ever ~~xxxxx~~ developed to show a "double" had been active in Louisiana, which could have been done.

11. Jack Martin, who first notified the DA about Ferrie (November 23rd?) and who contributed many false leads, including the James Anglican Ray thing in Toronto (Toronto Daily Star, February 10, 1968). Martin ran a diploma mill in Texas, the same as Ray does in Toronto. (Gary, why would the staff take Martin seriously and not check him out? We know personally of many instances where Martin had inside information from the office - for instance, knowing about ~~the~~ Oswald ~~slides~~ before anyone else did.)

12. Mary, who has been a legal secretary for 30 years, said that she and Arch were in Bud's office in Washington every day during the 10 days she was last in D.C. She went in every morning before the archives opened, and often came over during their lunch break, or after they had finished at the archives. She never saw a client. She saw the two young (approximately 30 years old) partners in the office, but never clients. Bud's secretary read, unless she was running over to make copies on the xerox for Mary and Arch. All the work in the office involved the assassination, with Bud talking with Sprague and Wolner (from NYC) or Mary and Arch. She said the office is "shabby" and explained that this is what you would expect to see of struggling young lawyers, with poor

furnishings and facilities, etc.

13. Mary thought Bud's home was right out of "House and Garden" magazine, furnished with authentic expensive antiques and beautifully co-ordinated and appointed.

Mary attended a party at Bud's house with many treasury and internal revenue people present. She told the story of someone setting fire to an expensive matching couch, and Bud not even worried about it - even though Mary estimated it would cost $1,000 to replace and recover the twin couches. She also seemed very surprised when the conversation turned "right wing." Harold, who was there, said "I seem to be the only liberal here."

The reason this surprised Mary was because Bud came on "very left wing" to them in Dallas, and then he came on very "right wing" to us in Los Angeles. We are curious why he came on "left" in Dallas, when in his own home among friends he came on "right".

14. Mary said Bud picked up $60-$100 tabs every night while he was in Dallas on his last trip. (I can attest to three dinners on the coast that must have cost Bud $180)

15. Bud half-hartedly said he was seeking funds for his committee. But was very insistant that he get the tab (down to a scene almost every time) even though Buck, Mary's husband, had invited him to dinner. (Does this sound like a guy who needs help? Mary said he didn't even try to get funds from them.)

16. Before Bud and Pattie left Dallas, Pattie bought Ann Kimbro a very expensive antique scales as a present for playing tennis with her while everyone else was playing [illegible] sluth in Dallas.

17. Bud did his very best to split up the group of Sue, Mary and Arch and came very close to doing it by stealing material from the three of them - but Mary covered and got the group back together.

Mary and I think Bud is very strange, and is acting as a collection agency, perhaps to nulify any congressional investigation.