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Dear Gary,

Much as I appreciate your informative letters and the fine work you and Paul do, I again remind you that the present major responsibility you have is your school work. This will be a long fight and you will both do more than your shares, but you will both do them better, ultimately, with the sucess of your school work. First things first. Your 3/3:

Do not worry about slides. I prefer using as few visuals as possible, do little speaking now, henceforth, save in special circumstances, will not do any without honorarium. I have just given Bud all of mine so he can use them in speeches he plans. I will also give him other material of which he will make slides. I am sure copies of these will be available to you. I do think you should reduce your appearances to the most significant, concentrate on school and research. Let him know all you have when you respond to his inquire and I'll have him make you whatever he has that you haven't.

On your Par 2: this batch of Xeroxing Paul had done was page, I thought. Perhaps my recollection of the docs is wrong. Why not write and ask Archives for the copy of that aff. with signatures? Make a record. It bugs them, may help shape them up, and does leave a record.

The only things really new in Finck's testimony are his admission they were given orders and the name of Kinney. The importance is that it was under crosseexamination. We can and will use it as we think about it. For exemple, my enclosed letter to WTOP-TV. I am trying to get actual transcript, not to depend on newspaper reproductions, which are undependable. I expect little cooperation from N.O., which regards everyone else as unimportent, unworthy.

Do not worry about WLOL and theother stetions. When you have time you can inspire a few calls to them which can let them know interest is still high. It might be better to let things cool for a while, let people think some of it out for themselves, let the media learn there is still good audience interest. I think the way to handle is with use intellectual judo. I say little of the N.O. evidence save that I found it inadequate, wade in immediately with my own evidence of perjury, say I have written a book charging this against the autopsy doctors, and then repeat the important Dallas evidence from the trial, restrictinf myself to that offered by the defense. The last two I did by phone pleased thecommunicaster so well he did an additional segment. In your own mind, please see if you cannot agree with me that regerdless of how, in terms of what could have been done, N.O. was a disaster, it nonetheless has moved us forward materially. When you see PMIII perhaps you will understand bett r. I will be adding to it, to make that record complete as possible. Do not lean on those who have been friends and have helped. They will again. Merely inform them.

The letter you request is enclosed, with a few added comments. Do not be harsh in your judgement. There are understandable emotional involvements,

When you use Finck's testimony, why not use it in the context of Sibert-O'Neill as I do in POST MORTEM? That makes it more effective, I think.

Why not leave Vince alone for now? Deep down inside he must be having enough troubles. You will not change the past, not accomplish anything by keeping after him on merely a position of the past that now is but academic. He also knows that he failed utterly and miserably in N.O., that he was the wrong one to be there, and he has to live with that. He just didn't know enough. The important one who was there was Nichols. To continue will not change his mind about anything and is but badgering. You also can use the time better.

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You know him better than I. My opinion is, frankly, that he is ill. I am deeply disappointed but not bitter. Were I not satisfied he is sick I would feel otherwise. I am also confident it is Garrison's gut understanding of this that makes him attractive, that and the fact that he never takes issue.

Can you be more specific in what autopsy lines you'd like Barry to pursue? I am all for it but do not really understand your first full paragraph second page. They are aware of this and for that reason persistently delayed me. On this, on the way home from DC yesterday I stopped off at Dick Whalen's. He was not home. I will ask him to give me memo on his knowledge of autopsy records status to which he made but slight reference in Post article, much less than he has told me. I think he'll be unwilling but I will try and persuade him.

I will not now contact your friend at Liberation News Service because I have found them irresponsible on this subject and have wasted every minute I have spent with them, and this was much time. They have yet to use anything I gave them, have never used me for the news they could, and I would anticipate misuse of what I'd give them, not by the author but by the time it appeared. I will help them any way I can is I am ever persuaded they are interested, genuinely, not merely looking for sensation. My experience with the LA Free Press and the Washington LNS are all I need.

Please, do send rest of Penabaz originals so I can have clear appendix. When you have time to read, tell me which limited editions you went, in which order.

Yesterday morning's paper had story on Congressmen Conyers offering resolution re ML King. I called and offered COUP and documentation. He was busy. I left message.

If you have it, will you please sant Russ Trunzo Bill Worthy's current address? He has tried to write, but his letters are returned.

I do not know whether you and Paul have GAI-BBI, "Information Failure", Shaffer to Willens, 1/11/64. I got this so long ago, the first day I got access to the staff papers, that I have forgotten, if I ever knew, what the "two attached letterhead memoranda dated December 19 and December 30" are. Does either of you know or have?

Best,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter and enclosures of 2/28. As you know, I would have sent you the slides without charge if it weren't for my dwindling financial status, which although not as bad as yours, is becoming a bit precarious with the plane flight home which I will make on the 12th.

Paul just sent the documents. You should know that they have screwed us up again. Those documents are much lighter than the ones I rememberfrom the archives. The Ruby-Oswald affadavit about Oswald being in the club, for instance, was dark and clear. In fact, if I remember correctly, it was an original with ink handwriting for the signature. I am angry about that. I am sure that the Archives did this on purpose. Their machine can't be that bad.

Everything went as expect after the New Orleans disaster. We have new and important stuff with Finck's testimony, but it will be tough to use it. I am sending stiff letters to my news media contacts out here, but am not sure what to do with WLOL. They failed us miserably, especially considering their early promises and expressed desire for an open line to you in N.O. They called me only 4 times during the Washington proceedings and the trial, and then only gave me about 5 minutes (10 at the most) each time. They did not call me at the conclusion of the trial, despite the confusion about the rebuttal witnesses, and did not even call me after the verdict for a comment. I was angry and hurt about this. Ken Minyard was saying before the trial that interest was dropping as far as the public was concerned, and I rebutted him, biting my WDGY and WCCO appearances and their huge responses. I have enough troubles with the unfriendly stations such as WCCO, which is run by a fascist who the other day confided in someone that the Jews (not the commies) were behind all the riots.

I would be very interested in a copy of Sylvia's letter to you of the 26th. I correspond with her and am very interested in her views now that the case is over, but don't have time to write and try to elicit them. She would probably be more indirect with me as she would like to recruit me for her side. I fully agree that what Finck said is of incredible importance. There is no more need of guessing. The military was in it from at least the 22nd, and therefore probably before. The orders given to Finck are much harder to explain away than even the Burkley copy of the autopsy. I used Finck's testimony the other night and it was devastating, and totally convinced (as far as I could tell) a crowd of pro-establishment skeptical intellectuals, since there was no way around it, of the possibility of military involvement. Sylvia is way out in left field, and while we all agree on the terrible harm done by Garrison's public statements, the failure to investigate all leads and waste of money and time, and some courtroom failures, we are much further along as the result of their coming on the scene. We have learned more about the government and the press and how they react to challenge. Sylvia is a trajedy.

I do not question that you were explicit about why you weren't in N.O., but Vince often misunderstands and is often fuzzy about the details of important things. I am glad that I correctly represented your case. I intend to continue to take this up with him, despite the fact that I would like to be able to forget Washington and N.O. for the time being. Vince, while capable of good and carefully detailed work, often gets wrapped up in generalities and vagness and is concerned about being on the right side of an issue, but not so much about the specifics. For instance, Garrison was viewed as a God because of his objectives and purpose and his public charges, notwithstanding the

fact that he damaged us and himself (and may have lost the #### case) with his public statements.

I agree that N.O. and autopsy are important. I would rate autopsy and ballistics as #1 priority. C-an you possibly write Barry and suggest# names for autopsy stuff. I know that it is late#, but until -your book is out, if he discovers something big you might be able to put it in. Let's face it, it is entirely possible that there is something in there which is dynamite.

Appearances will be very tough at this stage in the game. If I can arrange any for you I will to help get some money into the coffers. Right now I can probably handle this area as well as anyone, since I have a full presentation which I do with slides. People still have to learn about the SBT and basics, and that is still the most important material and most convincing material for the average person. I get into N.O., 544 Camp, and other revelevent stuff at the end, but only after I have demonstrated conspiracy in Dealy Plaza. The slides make all the difference in the world.

My committee weathered the Shaw verdict, but many did not understand it. Those who got the States Item and Times-Picayune were especially surprised. People forget that he was on trial for conspiracy, not knowing Oswald or Ferrie, It still rested on Russo. Even Vince was disturbed that Boxley-Turner horseshit had taken precedence over investigation of leads that could have made Russo a small part of the case.

Well, take it easy and remember that after the 12th I will be in Phila. I will probably call sometime but won't be able to make it down. I will be doing some articles for the college paper here, which hopefully will go out through Cornell to the Ivy League college papers. I have a good friend and bright guy who works for Liberation News Service who wants to begin# preparing packages of documents on the case with stories on CIA and military involvement. I told him to use O. in N.O. and have sent him documents and other items. He is trustworthy, hardworking, and interested. If you want to contact him, write to:

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If you want to do an abstract on one of your new books, perhaps he can get it on the wire for you. They feed mostly to the underground, but some to bigger sources of info. He knows your name and what you have done. I don't know what he can do exactly, but he will try anything. He is concerned about getting much stuff out in the next few weeks to counter the press and government.

Take it easy and give my regards# to your wife. Your letters sound like you are relaxed a bit, and I'm glad that you're doing some garden work and not spending day and night over a manuscript.

Harry

P.S. When you told me there was no special delivery in the country, I thought you were fefering to the tampering with the mail in the country at large!
RE: Penabex Documents--You asked for only those documents I sent, although I offered to send the whole document. I took notes on the numbers carefully and taped it so I could be careful not to make an error on the numbers, since you didn't want the whole file. I can send the rest if you want. I wanted to originally to avoid a mistake on page numbers and be on the safe side.