2/8/69

Dear Gary,

On your letter of 2/8:

If is Vosjoly. Looking forward. As you perhaps realize, Burton has been silent on this. If anything turns up, let me know as soon as possible. He is Andre Devereaux in the book.

If your boys come up with anything on Malcolm, if I haven't already I'll put you in touch with a Chicago friend, Russ.

You may be right on Berry. But I think, in the absence of specific assignments in the numbered files, his browsing through the others would at least yield a suggestion of their contents. If he did come up with anything, it would certainly be a guide to one of us in the future. Get your girl friend ~~x~~ to become a good typist by summer and bring her along so she can type the list of what I have and we can avoid that kind of expensive duplicarion. When she isn't typing there will be other things shs can do. Like filing.

Ib my mind there never has been any but a single doubt about Turner: agency. That I do not know, on the basis of what I do think it isn't necessary and makes little difference.

Rothermel did mean Penn. The other, ex and possibly present is Boxley. I've also heard from him, that is, R.

I think that is the same Sevitt and I am aware of Helms-Herion.

I renew my encouragement that you concentrate on your studies, as I continue in the belief that aside from ~~their~~ importance to you, you can do most good by retiring, if necessary, until summer and spending it in Archives. Among the things I think you can forgo is writing poor Penn. I feel sorry for him. He will have to learn his own way

Newman memo-Charlie Brown: I was at some kooky coffee shop with Steve and her the night I got in LA in October. Steve had a very dramatic tale of having to save a girl from suicide. It is quite likely he did say she had been French intelligence, but I have no separate recollection. I was tired, p'ed off that he had done none of the promised things, then had no pad though it was about bedtime for normal people. The coffee wasn't much good, either. So far Fred still adds up to nothing new or meaningful. If he did we'd still have to worry about dependability.

Re: Washington, as of yesterday it is still on. Let us say nothing and see what eventuates. My radiologist friend was here until midnight. It seems my suspicions do check out and that the scapula is perhaps the most movable, floating bone in the body, a two-inch fluctuation between erect and prone not unusual. He will plot the different accounts of the alleged entrance head wounds for me on a real skull X-rays.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

February 6, 1969

Dear Harold,

Enclosed are a number of items for various files.

I have nothing on the phone numbers of Oswald's nor do I have anything on that reporter named Herald.

The committee of inquiry is off and running. Law student researching Freedom of Info bill, two researching Vojoly, Two on Malcolm X (plus still one unproductive informant in the field), and others doing other work.

I have no time to write to Barry. It was all I could do to dredge up those suggestions. Give him names, not files. He doesn't know enough to do any files. You could give him a CD and ask him to write out a synopsis or give him a name and ask for citations and a memo, but files are out of the question. I barely trust myself with them. Hal and I work about the same in the files, since we had a chance to chekk each other this summer, and Paul would be fine. But not someone like Barry. He is four years behind us. It would be a waste because we would have to repeat it.

The Turner letter I hope was more than just interesting. It really ices the case against him as far as I am concerned. Penn is out of control. Important--see Rothermel letter--he mentions Penn Jones of Midland--I asked in my letter whether it was our Penn. It would be possible, especially with all of the time the book devotes to chastising those who Penn hates the most. Farewell is utter nonesense. It can be demolished by a quick look at the map of the assassination which has so many obvious errors in the dealy plaza layout that it is not funny. This is so sloppy I$ begin to wonder whether it could be a Company job.

Is Richard Savitt the same as the famous tennis star. He went to Cornell and I might be able to find out about him through tennis contacts. There could be some linkups between tennis world and CIA--it would be a perfect front. Guess who gave out a big trophy last year (Pa. Lawn Tennis Championship at Merion)--Helms!

No use me commenting on Vince-Washington, etc., since I don't know much about it. Although I want to stay informed on it, and am looking forward for what you promised to send, right now it is too much for me to consider. I am becoming worried about how little studying I have done for exams in March. Washington, Farewell, news media, etc. all dropped in at onee. By the way, Paul takes his PhD oral exam in April so he will have much to do in coming months. I would rather take the oral than the prelims which are written. Take care and keep up the work load. Will try to get money for Post Mortem somehow. Still a few possibilities.

Gary