As I worked my way down through the stack, I found your letters dated 12/4, and 12/6 (2), plus the mailing of the copies of documents.

Three hours with a Congressman is rather a long time. You did well.

On the diplomatic end: I tried Washington more than two years ago and got nowhere. I might have tried New York but never had the chance. Dick saw this opportunity and took it, and I think without it there'd have been nothing. We'll see. If nothing happens, we have lost nothing.

No letters from Canada. All, in fact, were from your immediate area. Re WDGY.

Apparently I put the Hemming note in the wrong envelope.

Do not worry about Turner. The record is clear if the motive is not, and we have it. The effect is disasterous, and they are beginning to learn it out there. I have spoken to Paul about it recently. The difference with Thompson is that he stepped on toes, like Ray's.

As soon as you get back, please send me that entire part of CD 1485 dealing with the leaflet from the Dumaine St. wharf. I cannot find it. You sent page 11. I will want it to have available for the trial and I'm working on memos on that now.

One of the Ruby water colors was sold him by Larry Borenstein in New Orleans, about 1956 or 7. Borenstein confirmed it to me Saturday night, in the Creole Cafe, on Bourbon St. The artist's name begins with an "F", I think. Means nothing. It was a pot boiler by a good artist, he says.

Emory Brown seems solid enough to me. I cannot evaluate on the subject. On other things he has proceeded properly and drawn no invalid conclusions. You can see the files when you are here. Check what I got from him and see if you have it all and vice versa.

I've now no time for checking Garret further. Too much to do before trial.

No time for more now.

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for the books--they arrived today. I would have run out of them long ago except for the fact that I frequently forget to mention them due to the fact that I am usually exhausted before I begin bpeaking and am totally out of it at the end--usually 6-7 hours later. Glad to hear that you got a response from the radio. The response was much bigger, actually, since all of the Twin Cities books stores (which had them in stock due to my pressure) just sold out. When I get a chance I will make sure that they are stocked again. I spoke to Congressman Don Fraser, a war opponent, yesterday. He could only spare 3 hrs. (during which we had to eat also) but he saw the important slides (Lifton's set which I use everytime I speak) and important documents and photos and was quite disturbed, but naturally would not voice an opinion. What is important is that one of his closest friends said that from what he could see and knows about Don, he will never forget it and won't sleep well, even if he is affraid to jepardize his future by taking action. I was more exhausted after those 3 hrs. than I usually am after 7 hrs. because of the pressure to get it all in and get it all across with such a time limit. My technique is to prove conspiracy in Dealy Plaza without a reasonable doubt, then govt. suppression, then raise questions about FBI, CIA, SS, military with a second set of info. Alpha Smaby, recently defeated congresswoman, is totally convinced which will be good if she is re-elected, which she probably will be since she just won a suit for foul campaign practices. She is very active and very straightforward in her views--i.e. supported Spock openly, etc. Next on the list are Mondale and McCarthy. Then I go after the Republicans--but I will need better contacts for that.

I have always assumed that you had made direct attempts to contact Fidel for info. I was supprised to get a copy of the Bernabei letter. Perhaps I am wrong, but I think that going through Dick is a very bad idea--no reflection on him intended since he seems to be a fine worker. There is no need for indirection and liasons in this thing. You live near enough to Washington if there is still any diplomatic force from Cuba there, or you could personally write to Cuba and possibly the stuff could be sent via the Russians (they will know anyway, even if it goes through Canada, since I'm sure they keep a close eye on Castro). What is important is that it is not surprising that a Cuban diplomat assigned to Canada does not know of you, but there is no question that Fidel or some of his aides are probably fully acquainted with your work. Therefore, my main point is not only unnecessary (and perhaps harmful) indirection, but time, since they will not have to be briefed the way this guy will. Furthermore, there is less of a chance of intercepted letters that way. If Castro doesn't know at least 1/2 of what we want to know about the assassination, from plot to operation and getaway, I would be very much supprised. I am sure that he had many of the CIA groups infiltrated, especially since it is so easy to do. I am equally sure he knew their plans. I opt very strongly for a direct approach, and immediately. He may have enough to blow the thing wide open. I had always assumed that someone had contacted him and he had refused, perhaps on orders or suggestion from the NKVD, who haven't helped either. Let's face it, he must know something, and he can only befiefit from our work--yours above everyone else's. If you and I are doing nothing else in public appearances, we are overturning the pro-Castro LHO or plot notion and indicating that it was an anti-Castro orientation which led to the shots in Dallas. Perhaps I am off beam, but if so I hope you will be explicit why. This is a major untapped source, and there is no telling what they know. There is no reason why Dick can't keep in touch up there

and keep informing the diplomat up there, but for God's sake make the approach yourself as directly as possible. This is so much in his favor it would take a lot for him to miss the opportunity of helping us along, especially since we would keep the source of the info quiet. This is a politician's dream. Please think seriously about this suggestion, and pardon my dogmatism on this point.

The second I got your letter I tried to locate a phone number for Ceil van Leuven, but was unsuccessful, so I immediately sent a letter asking her to phone me. You gave her my old phone number--my current ones are Home: 331-4860 and Office: 373-5042. Always give both out. In the future you might consider not even taking time to answer such letters but refering them to me after making a copy for your records. This will save time, postage, and effort on your part. I can clear these mysteries up easily through a phone call or visit. I will not write or phone the Dr. about the Dell thing until you give the OK. But remember, I will be leaving here on Dec. 10 and may not have any free time on the 10th, so I'll have to know soon.

Sorry about saying $1.00 on the air. From now on I will specify $1.50.

Your letter to Carr is a good one and is also a good idea.

Glad to hear that your health is better and that you are getting medical attention.

I don't have a copy of my letter to you about Turner. Sorry. I hope that Matt has it and hasn't mailed it yet. If he has, your wife will have to send it back down.

I will be at Patsy's tonight until late deciding on the blowups. After I decide, I will probably mail the other 10 frames down--2 sets to you. I may wait on Haul's unless you advise otherwise until I get the blowups because regestering so many items will be expensive--especially since I have to do quite a bit on the way home to Phila. and need tapes, gas, and maybe one night in a cheap motel in Chicago.

Thanks for the 50 0 in NO. As long as you can wait for the money that is the best idea. I should be selling many more in the future.

I'm glad that they are finally working seriously on the WDSU film. It is incredible that they ignored it.

The WDGY appearance was no different but the audience was and in addition, the announcer did a good job with the right info which I was showing him and he was verifying to his listeners. The thing that did the job was Chuck and LaVonne Fisher setting me up with two great questions which blew the minds of the audience.

Patsy has offered to dee if he couldn't make the plates if you have Coup pub. privately in offset. He would like to try to help directly or indirectly if you decide to publish privately. I told him that I thought you already had a good deal on things of this sort but would tell you anyway just in case.

I agree with your trust of Sylvia about the letter. This begins to place Lifton in a different light if we can be sure that he knew about that specific letter and that Sylvia didn't send it.

I will try to visit over the holidays and see the other pictures. I would like to go to the Archives one day, and depending on the timing might bring my girlfriend down, with whom things are now going smoothly. I'd like you and your wife to meet her and I'd like her to meet you two. Otherwise, she will be away for several days just after Christmas, and perhaps I could come down and put in several days at the Archives. There is much Paul wants done and I assume the same is true of you. I want to do a number of things myself and certainly wouldn't run out of things from my own list. We simply have to check every southern office just in case.

Sorry about the confusion on the Bringuier piece, but as I wrote before, it was only a pamplet and one of the sheets you have has the cover--it isn't much of a cover but it is a cover. If you don't have 4 sheets tell me, because that means that I somehow didn't send you all of it. In other words, it is one piece of paper which was folded over, and I unfolded it to copy it.

Re CD131--I don't think that Paul has it--I think that he made a mistake. In any event I will get it over Christmas. The document is not that long and I'll be able to find it fast.

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Tell me if you get any letters from Canada for O in NO. WDGY broadcasts up right through Canada to Greenland, and even Norway on a night with a good ceiling. Also East to Illinois and I don't know how far west.

Neither Barry nor I have heard from Lifton in quite some time. You may be right about his silence. After the position he took he will have some serious thinking to do if he is considering altering his views even a little bit. I wrote either he or Sylvia about KT being a psychopath and what that means in terms of being able to glibly lie to people and use them. That may have started him thinking also, especially since I am not identified as the enemy quite yet.

Your short note about the tape recording of Hemming and Howard began with "PS you might when next to speak to him tell him"--Who is him? I got lost on that one.

I hope that I made myself clear on Turner-Bolden misquote. Not only does it hurt us in regard to future dealings with Abe and not only does it endanger Abe rather than help make his position safer through honest publicity about what he really knows, but notice where it points the finger--at Ruby. Well, what do you know. Ruby hired Lee, and there were some minutemen probably behind it all, perhaps with the connivance of LBJ (who may have been behind everything according to the Ramparts cover anyway). This is horseshit, it is dangerous, and there is no explanation for it that I can think of except planned and calculated deception by Turner. (Bear in mind that if it weren't for Galt, we wouldn't know about it, so it is a safe move on his part, just the same as Rose was safe until he ran into those girls in Mexico.) This is a bad,bad thing and perhaps a more telling point than even the "burglary" and support of Potem and Ray, the defense of Rose, cover of Ramparts, etc. Only the chalk talk may outweigh it in potential danger to our side. But this is clearcut. I'm sorry to rant and rave like this to both you and Vince, but we are lucky here to have Galt and like in the case of Rose smell a rat who wears heavy perfume. If this continues we are finished in some ways. My opinions on Turner will undoubtedly make me the most unpopular critic since Lifton, but I feel that there is enough to support at least the point that Turner is hurting very badly, to keep silent. I turned Hal off this summer with talk of Turner, and Paul may also wonder about me. This does not matter to me since I will continue, unlike Sylvia and Lifton, the dropouts, to work day and night on this thing, both publicity wise and investigatively. When I think of all the attacks on Tink Thompson for things which don't even matter compared to Turner's doings, it distrubs me a great deal. Tink's book continues to convince people of a high level plot no matter what it's intention, and had he written anything else it would never have reached so many people via the front page of the Saturday Evening Post. Vince tells me he attacked Garrison publicly which is very bad and unforgiveable, so he's not exactly an asset, but to call him an agent or say he's doing the work of an agent and to at the same time forget about the arch fiend of the false lead and red herring, both in the investigation and in his articles, would be incredible. Besides, Sylvia has done much worse to Jim publicly (and continues to do so with letters to the editor, etc.) than Tink ever did, and no one calls her an agent. In fact, Epstein was a good guy or at least a "critic" until the very end, despite his early attacks on Jim. (A clipping is enclosed. Please note the date. I sent Mark a copy long ago and he replied that Ed just doesn't know the case well.)

Well, so much for the diatribe. I am in academic trouble due to a sudden pile up of work just before my final which is on the 10th. Grades are important, if for no other reason than that they enable me to keep the very large fellowship which apys for my investigating. Take care. Give my regards to Vince and Matt.

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Dear Harold,

I have to stop reading for a few minutes--my eyes can't take it.

Enclosed are copies of reports on Garrett. They are short but not too sweet. What it amounts to is that a guy who is Nazi in viewpoint watched his mail prior to the 20th and then suddenly left Laredo. His wife claimed on the 23rd that he was in Mexico, but Mexican repords seem to refute that. The FBI seems to make no attempt to re-interview, despite the indications that he couldn't have been in Mexico. The next two reports indicate that he died of a heart attack. This is incredibly suspicious. I have written Penn about it and said that I would ask you to send him copies of the BBI reports. We are out of copying paper here and I don't know whether we will have some more in 2 hrs. or 2 weeks, since our old copier will not be in use too much longer if at all. We are getting a xerox which I won't be able to use.

Second item is pg.11 from CD1485 which indicates that the prints on the Hands 0ff Cuba leaflet from the Dumain St. Warf were not LHO's. You undoubtedly have this entire report, so I only sent this one page.

The final is the OXnard-Nier report about an Oswald in Mexico. Sorry about all the poor copies, but most of the problem is that the Archives sent me things so light that they look like blank pages from a few feet away. Yours are as good as mine.

Interest in Continental Oil Co. is increasing. Asked Penn about this (in Houston) and also current address of Fowler. Take care and best of luck. Show this stuff to Vince if you get a chance.

Gary

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Dear Harold,

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This may be the last letter from me for maybe a full week, or at least until after this coming Tues. when I have an important exam for which I am unprepared. You are the only person to whom I can afford to write at all due to my academic jepardy. I have a public appearance tonight and one tomorrow night. That was unavoidable since the date were arranged long ago.

Just received your letters postmarked Oct 4 PM. I still haven't heard from the Chicago postmaster about whether my Bolden letter was delivered to her. I can't find a phone # for the woman who had two slides of a pro-Castro demonstration in front of the White house which appeared to have LHO in crowd. Will keep trying. I will send the memo on Judge Heebe's injuction giving full legal status of it sometime next week. Be sure to advise when you are leaving N.O. I will send copies to Jim's office also. If you get a chance, ask Alcock the basis of his statement that the injunction was "Unprecedented"in federal and state relations in the courts (quoted in Times Picayune).

By now you should have the photos--sent airmail, insured yesterday. I forgot about the rules governing registration and packaged them wrong, so I sent them airmail and insured with a return post card.

Don't forget to ask about William Crookshank#### this is of real importance to me immediately.

Don't remember about the date of my 11/28 letter, but I thought that I mailed it on the 29th (evening of the 28th, picked up on the 29th).

On this same subject, the postmaster gave me a meaningless response to my letter and forwarded it to the Mlps. postmaster.

I will check the film again since I now think I know who you mean. If it is the man I think, in the distant background, then it will be impossible to blow him up. I checked with Patsy before your letter came about that guy for obvious reasons. The film is grainy and he is too far away.

I hope that my directions as to the handling of the photos are OK. I think that my system will allow the best type of filing and leave the way open for much further work on the film.

Re Breslin: I certainly don't think that he got inside the room, but it would be interesting to find out what he did do there, or how this story could have gotten distorted. The FBI man was supposed to be a credentials bearing FBI man so I doubt if that was Beeslin. In any event, if he was there it would be interesting to chekc out.

I called Roger Craig's aunt and reassured her. She told me the following: She delivered Roger a birth. He was an aggressive child who ran away at the age of 13 and didn't return until 16. His wife visited her just after the assassination and said that he was in big trouble because of things he had seen and made it clear that she was afraid to tell the whole story to the aunt. The aunt didn't press for details. The only thing she can remember is something about Craig having seen a flash from a gun barrel on the knoll--sorry it isn't clearer, but thorough questioning couldn't elucidate it any more. She seemed to think that it was the reflection of the sun on a gun barrel. I was able to reassure her about Craig's son and she promised to call anytime she learns anything from the Craig's.

I got in touch with the man with the Ruby letter and he is ready and willing to cooperate. He has also so other Ruby objects--a prayer book or something like that and some of those water colors. But the stuff is in storage so I won't see it until January. He is in the prosess of moving.

I now have an Army Intelligence contact who I will be seeing in two months. He seems to have important info and was contacted by the CIA several times in a recruitment attempt, and perhaps warned by them. He claims to have seen files and is interested in the case. This could be for real. I found out about him because he is a friend of my law student researcher, otherwise I would immediately assume that there is a large chance the guy is an agent. In any event, it should be interesting. The CIA contact didn't pan out and I plan to try to find out why. The intermediary is still on campus but has been silent.

Your girl in Mlps has had my letter for a day now but hasn't called. After my exam I will ride out to see her.

How good is Emory Brown. This is important because any code used will be a good one. My father had cryptographic training during the War since he was a signal corps officer, but we need a real expert. I agree on the grille code in the Russian dictionary--I spotted that a long time ago. The commission experts who examined it could not rule that out--I have the documents on it.

I will answer on Garret in a few days--I am too foggy to remember who he is. I am coming down with something and haven't had enough sleep to think clearly.

Wasp lit: there were prints, but they weren't LHO's--CD1485,pp5-6, 11 (11 refers to the prints not being LHO's)

Just remembered who Garret is: I have the Garrett reports and Nagell reports both. I will bring them home. If you can, write to the Archives and see what they have on Garrett other than in CD1179, 100-104 (I just don't recall whether it is CD 1179 part I or part II).

I have checked on printing from film. Facilities are not good on campus and final product is pretty bad. Call up a photography or printing firm.

Sorry again for not giving the price as $1.50.

Nerin Gun's reference to the Texas J. of Medicine is undoubtedly "Three Patients at Parkland", Texas J. Med., vol.60, pp60-74 (Jan., 1964). WE don't have it in the library, but I will be sending to the journal for a reprint sometime. Since there is no author I can't just send to the author which is a fast way for someone like me, who writes on medical stationary, to get.

My current plans involve leaving here on the early morning hours of Dec.12 so that I will arrive in Chicago on that morning and see Mrs. Bolden plus the girlfriend of a prisoner who knows Abe--hope to smuggle messages in and out. I will then travel to stay with friends in Ohio, not stopping in Columbus since I have no way of locating the woman with the photos of either LHO or someone who looks like him picketing the WhiteHouse (re.Castro)--I suspect that the FBI still has them since the FBI reports indicate that she said they could keep them, but it would be important to get interview and perhaps get her to ask for them back. From there I will go to Martinsberg to try to wrap up my investigation there and then on to Phila. I will be staying with my girlfriend at 1714 locust st., Phila. 19103, but my parents won't know that I'm in Phila. until I go home. Therefore, address correspondence to Phila. to me C/O Miss Marion Lindblad at 1714 Locust St. The phone # is KI6-5927. I'm not sure when I will arrive or how long I'll stay with her until I go home. You can probably also reach me through Vince during that time. I am contemplating a trip to the Archives sometime from the 27 to the 29th of Dec. and if you will be home and I can manage it, I would very much like to visit and try to spend 1 1/2 days in the Archives. (my girl will be at a wedding in Tennessee then) I will be in Phila. through the 3rd or 4th of January and then drive back to MLPS, expept for the possibility of a trip to New York to see Dick Sprague and Sylvia.

Take care. Sorry if I'm incoherent. Hope to hell that I am not coming down with the flu--that would finish me at this stage in the game. Take care and give my regards to everyone.

Gary

Enlargements of WDSU will be ready by Monday