Dear Paul: May 24, 1971

Thanks for your letter of May 10 and its enclosures. Enclosed is a copy of my recent letter to Harold.

The CTIA is the biggrst double bind we have been in. Given their legal members and ability to get some finances, they are in a position to bring about things we haven't been able to do in thepast, such as ääwsuits and defending Ray. Yet they are as irresponsible as Garrison. It is difficult to choose onr allies in this game. Harold really did let go at Jim Lesar, and Jim probably is the most innocent of the group, but I can emphasize with his frustration.

No specific pages of the new CD's I want now. Thanks for the offer. Would be interested in any notes you make up. I just haven't been at my notes in too long to remember where I left off with archives work.

I will be arriving in San Fransisco sometime in the afternoon of Friday June 18. I hope to stay until the following Sunday (27th), but may stay longer. The 19th and 20th will be involved with the Heroin Symposium, but I would like to get together sometime the next week. I will have a number of things to do, but hope to get them out of the way early in the week.

I generally agree with your comments on agent Oswald. This is something which is very touchy. I think that the possibility that Oswald was in some way connected with U.S. government agencies, and may have been on someone's payrole, could be a very important feature of the entire story. Such connections would make him an ideal fall guy, whether he was involved ina conspiracy or not, since everyone would have to be covering their tracks and connections with him. It could explain his movements after the assassinatinn and his general calm at wild moments. In any event, at this point the historians are our main audience. What info we have provides sufficient suggestive evidence for those who have an open mind, and I have found even what is in Ford's book useful in public appearances to make the point that this is a complicated story (i.e. if, one assumes that LHO was an informant, how does that change things, explain FBI coverup, etc.).

I got the first letter I have had from Mary Ferrell in a long long while. She and Sylvia Meagher talk on the phone once a month and she is in touch with the Newcombs every week. Her kids are all out in the world now and I suspect that she'll be back, hard at work on the case. Jimmy Lee, one of her sons, is going to visit Joesten in Germany, where he is having an enO joyable stay in the army.

Well, I'd better close now. When in San Francisco I will be staying with R. ### Giuseppi Slater, 271 Frederick St., San Fransisco, Calif. 94117 664-2454. I'll give you a call when I get into town. Can you send me your number when (and if) you get a chance.

Best wishes.

Harry