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Dear David,

Early this morning I returned from N.J., Tom's River and Charlene Fitzsimmons. Though I've seen no medical reports on the months before Gary Underhill committed suicide, the interview with Charlene suggests that Underhill may well have been out of his mind when he got to the Fitzsimmons home in N.Y.

There is no question but that Underhill had connections at the Pentagon and the CIA and may have been aware of a conspiracy in the real legal sense in the Far East. But Charlene Fitzsimmons said she felt at the time that he was as upset about the Kennedy killing as she was, that she and her husband were numb and were willing to believe anything. To this day she feels the Commission report has missed the point and that Oswald was the patsy and not involved in the shooting. But she said this did not come from Underhill, that she began feeling this way the moment the news of Kennedy's death came over the TV's and Oswald was picked up. She said that she remembers two occasions when Oswald was before the camera, one when the police were leading from from their interrogation to the cell, and the other when Ruby came in and shot him. The first time a reporter asked whether he killed Kennedy and he said something like, "I haven't killed anyone." Charlene says that from that point she believed Oswald did not do the shooting. It was later that Underhill showed up.

When he came in, he was highly disturbed and began to rant about what he knew. At one point he said, "Kennedy is going to blow the whistle on the CIA," though in the present tense it did not make sense exactly. She remembers no names and nothing more specific than his comments about the Far East section of CIA carrying off the murder with Oswald as the pawn. She said he seemed to know something about Oswald, but she has no memory for what that might be. If he really did know something about Oswald before the assassination, Ramparts has the discovery of the century. But there is not much chance to find that out, unless its in a diary or papers he left, and his wife is not turning loose of ~~xxx~~ them.

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As to Falcon ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Aeronautics, I was able to obtain some further information. The company was formed in 1960 under the corporation statutes of the District of Columbia. Paul Ogle was president and claims he is an aeronautical engineer. He is no longer in business but is a consultant to Saratoga Industries at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. I ended up talking to his mother, who lives here and whose address I was able to find in a very circuitous way. Others involved in this venture were Robert P. Hare III and Ret. General Dudley D. Hales. In June 1964 they had ~~x~~ \$2000 in cash and something like \$4000 in assets.

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The medical student is still elusive, though Joe's Harris may know the fellow's name; he won't tell me.

What is need on Underhill, I think, is to find someone to whom he spoke in more precision than he did to the Fitzsimmons. Falcon is very likely to be a front for something. It is hard to believe that with the principals living all in Georgetown, a very fashionable part of Washington, that they could not be employed in some other capacity. None of the three turn up in the Defense Dep't directory, nor are they on the telephone register of employees at CIA in Langley. This does not mean they are not employed at one or the other agency, but their names are not on the official rosters. They may be un-people, which is what the CIA employs.

I have found out something that may be of interest of you, but I just stumbled on it at the Archives while going through different reports for you to find inconsistencies. I am having it photostated to send to you. If you recall, Oswald was given money by the U.S. for his trip back home from Russia. Poor and unemployed as Oswald was when he came back here, he made payments of \$5, \$6, \$3, etc to pay back his debt. Along in the fall he suddenly pays \$250, \$300, or sums such as these. Where did the money come from. Where would he have made the money on his jobs, as measly as they were? Where would he have gotten the interest to make the payments if he really resented the U.S. Government as is proclaimed? It seems to me that this would be the last sort of debt anyone would pay since it is obvious it is not worth suing over. Anyway, food for thought.

Attached is a bill for services for the seeks funning from May 16 to June 3 or three weeks. I have still not received a check for the statements I sent earlier and am getting somewhat desperate as I have a family to support and no income coming in except for an occasional article. At any rate, I would appreciate your determining personally that a check be sent to me, and it should be sent special delivery. I really would not have reached this state, but I have been putting in almost all my time on the Warren Commission and FBI documents and have run up expenses on two trips. So please forward me some funds; though I would like to, I honestly cannot go on this way much longer.

Sincerely,
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