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Dear Oswald:

I'm sorry that you have to spend the time you are trying to put together the whole picture and I am sure that you will find it very interesting.

I'll try to bring up with you several of your letters to Paul Lock and Paul Lock and I am sure that you other ideas I'm sure you'll be interested in.

To begin with, your reference to Exhibit #957. I don't have a copy of Paul Lock's letter to you under the date of May 21 but I can supply whatever I can on this. The testimony of Mrs. Oswald (Oswald's mother) shows that she recalls seeing the photo that agent Osun presented her in the Dallas newspapers some time after he showed this to her. I haven't been able to locate exactly where she says this but as I recall she said the same identical photo of Ruby that the agent showed her was equal in all respects with respect to front view, shoulders, etc. My suggestion is that this newspaper be obtained and probably Mrs. Oswald could properly identify it. She may even possess a copy of it. That could be significant in this apart from the fact that the picture was that of Ruby is how the picture originated and under what circumstances. Was it a mug-shot obtainable only through the Dallas police (and therefore other interested parties such as government agencies) or did it originate elsewhere. The probability is that of the former I believe.

The only other thing I can say about #957 is that in Ruth Prime's testimony when she was asked who that picture might be she said she didn't know. She said she didn't know (she said she didn't know). I'll tell you what I was like when I asked her the question. He brought up this line of questioning and then goes on to another aspect. If I had been going to questioning of Oswald, I would have asked Oswald if he knew the "id" photo you believe that Mrs. I had, if you had seen it. Is there anyone you know who could identify it? I'll try to get it for you. I'll try to get it for you. I'll try to get it for you. I'll try to get it for you.

Your letter to Paul and Lock also mentioned Exhibit #958 which I once asked you to get and you sent me. This is what I know of this document in the Archives: I have a friend who visited Mexico City early in 1964. While he was there he met an Arnold Kessler who stayed at the Casa de Minas hotel where this friend also stayed. Kessler worked for the Mexico City Times and was formerly from Berkeley, Calif. Another friend of mine who now teaches at the University of Calif here in Berkeley recalls Kessler and said that he used to hang around different political groups while here in the Bay Area and had come from Chicago where he once associated with the Young Socialist Alliance.

Kessler told this friend of mine that he met Oswald and that Oswald had stayed at the Comercio Hotel in Mexico City when Oswald was there for his brief stay. This friend of mine said that Kessler had breakfast with Oswald and that Oswald had treated him. Kessler said Oswald pulled out from his pocket a big roll of money, held it high and said: "See this money ---there's more where this came from." Oswald

added that he could have all the big breakfasts he wanted like this, implying that he could have money to pay for them when he needed to. Kessler told this friend that he was to travel shortly and was going to Brazil from the Mexico City times where I presume he was or may still be. I'll have someone check the University register here and see if I can locate his old address in Chicago or his parents and advise you accordingly.

You'll notice that in this Exhibit referring to Kessler the only discrepancy in my report from this friend is that my friend believes it was breakfast the two had whereas this report says the two had dinner. It does not go into other aspects but you'll recall that the other Archive document on Kessler is marked secret, and is unobtainable. I believe this was 956 or 957. In any event it cannot be obtained.

One other thing that I did not mention to you ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ about this whole episode is what happened to my friend after his conversation with Kessler. Shortly thereafter this friend was asked by the American Friends manager there at the hotel and the desk clerk whose name was Ed Luchels to leave and not stay at the hotel. He was told: "We don't want any trouble around here." This friend also said that he believes his room was searched although he could find nothing missing.

So end for these two exhibits but if there is anything more I can do on them just let me know.

I'm enclosing a pamphlet I have on Cuban Counter-Revolutionary Activities written in March, 1952. It's by Ted Lee on one fair play for Cuba. It's a very good pamphlet. I've had it in print for some time. It's information on New Orleans can come in very handy at this point. Usage you to do so.

(Sorry for the lightness of the typing but ~~xxxx~~ I haven't had the chance to fix this typewriter for some time).

I'm enclosing a copy of the Irving Daily News for March 18, 1957. Refer to my last previous letters on this and you'll see that there was a "Lloyd L. Child" who died in that airplane crash I wrote you about. I'm making someone in my class track this one down and see if this is the same Lloyd Child. I hope Garrison had one of this one out. I've already had interviews but haven't heard from him.

Incidentally, I told the Kessler story to ~~xxxx~~ Lane long before the Kessler report was issued and I don't know what use he made of it. It may have passed this on to Garrison.

There are some other items briefly which your attention might be attracted to. I found another reference to Sergio in Jules Rubois' book: "Wiped Out: Rebel-Liberator or Dictator?" Sergio was the husband of a woman while in Havana and had a son-in-law working for him by the name of ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~. Sergio was in charge of the country because he thought Batista might attack him. (See p. 135, 235 & 245).

The "Lady's Circle" issue of June, 1957 has a story of Mrs. Oswald's interview on WNEW-TV (I have the tape now). She says she knows who killed the President but didn't want to disclose the name. She refers to a man who was a Texan and that she dropped the name before the Commission. If you'll recall I mentioned in a letter to you some time back that Fred Korth had been Mrs. Oswald's divorce lawyer for her then husband. That meant he knew of Oswald long before the assassination. I am Jones had been trying to locate her husband (Lynch) but she had no luck. That makes Korth interesting besides the fact that he was the lawyer who was to all

There are two individuals in that book who are of Irish origin who was in the original planning party of Kennedy's trip. (See Garrison report, p. 26, footnote 27). North may have hired an informant Kennedy one month or so before the assassination. Mrs. Oswald's reference in her book - if I remember correctly - to believe she is referring to North. North's name also appears in Oswald's address book.

I had to hear about the CBS-TV special on the Warren report. It'll appear here on the 25, 26, 27. I'll be glad to see Bob Richter and help out in any way I can. Can you tell me more about what East's his view of this whole affair? If he were come on you pass along another phone number for Richter to call if possible should call me during the day when I'm not here. That would be my friend, Sam Sanders, whose house you stayed at when you were in Berkeley. His phone number is: 849-3926. You will relay any messages to me and you might include it in your address book for future use also in case you can't reach me right away.

Regarding your query about Turner's notes on Davis: The last time I spoke to him he said he couldn't recall any specific request from you. I'll be glad to be specific on this matter when I'm off that work and we can talk it over.

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Richard Helms to send to the jury a photograph taken in Mexico during the summer of 1963.

Garrison contends the picture shows accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald walking out of the Cuban embassy in Mexico with an unidentified Cuban.

The Cuban, which he alleges, is a powerfully built man whose identification is important to the probe.

The witness scheduled to appear today is Carlos Quiroga, a slight handsome Cuban refugee who belonged to several anti-Castro groups in New Orleans during the early 1960's.

Quiroga was listed as a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, headed by Sergio Arcacha Smith, and as chairman for youth of the Friends of Democratic Cuba, of which Arcacha Smith was a leader.

I'm enclosing two articles on our class both of which have reference to you and your work. You can use them as you wish. Lane's point about the book being subsidized coincides with your belief.

Also enclosed you'll find an interesting article on the bullets used in the assassination. It ran in the May, 1967 issue of "Luns" magazine. What's your evaluation of it. The author seems to have relied heavily on your work.

Here is someone you can contact concerning the use of codes in case you're interested in following up on Oswald's address book. In Washington, D.C. there is a code expert (one of the top in the U.S.) by the name of William F. Friedman. He may still have ties with the government, however, and may be reluctant to work on a project such as this. I believe there is more to Oswald's address book than the use of telephone numbers. That is the CIA number that Garrison is talking about in the "front" of his book. It's probable he would be able to help you with this. If you can contact him, let him know you're interested in this. If you can't contact him, let me know and I'll try to help you.

I'm also enclosing a notice of a reproduction of the page from Slay Chew's address book that had Lee Ober's post office box. If you look very carefully in that reproduction an address can be seen typed backwards in which a name ending in "er" appears (\_\_\_\_er). Then underneath is an Avenue which looks like \_\_\_\_\_vedere Ave. (my guess is Belvedere). The rest of the address listing appears to be "Calif" and then a number "78". Since this copy came from Garrison's office I would presume

he would know about this but it is possible he may have overlooked it. From the looks of it appears to be someone living in Los Angeles because I believe there is a home 7C there. In any event I'll see what I can find on this. Do you have a picture of him?

Don't put too much stress on the fact that they are in the public service. It is not as they claim on the basis of a "public service". What do you know about this company. Aren't they the ones that supplied Gary Powers with the photo reconnaissance equipment for his U-2 flight or am I just guessing?

Have you read the book by Lincoln Lawrence "Were We Controlled?" I know there is little to his theory of men being "programmed" to kill Kennedy but do you see something more than what appears on the surface. Is this put-on a deliberate attempt to make the critics look ridiculous by printing an outlandish theory? Who is this Lincoln Lawrence, anyway? My first guess was Frank Edwards. I notice, for example, that Kyle Stuart advertised the book in the NY Times.

The April 15 issue of the "New York Times" carried the Superman Association's reaction with some words of Lincoln Lawrence. It's an excellent reference but my connection is rather weak. I have a tape of his speech in my collection. I just don't have the time to sit down and analyze it. I'll call you on this. I'll also check out the other references, however, if someone is willing to do it, I'll be glad to help.

Regarding your reference materials I now have a total of some 100 cassette tapes on the subject. A list will be made up soon and I'll send one out to you. Incidentally, you mentioned some one who had a very large collection of tapes on the East Coast. Can you refer me to him or give me his name? Perhaps we could, together, combine our efforts and have one tape collection which would be invaluable for such people as Garrison or others.

As far as Tolson is concerned, I know nothing more about the situation. I didn't even hear you on tape until two weeks after you were on. Next week I'll hear the signworth tape. I don't know what he's been saying about you for I haven't listened that closely in the recent period. I doubt if he had made you look as bad as some are saying but I'll call him and see what is cooking.

The article in the May 5 States-Item says that in the "and others" listed in Garrison's indictment the name of Glen Oswald came up and also Leon Bertrand. Who are they?

What do you know of Garrison's charge that a CIA agent was in the Bealey Plaza area when Oswald was in the building at the time of the assassination?

I'll get to work on compiling the whole organizations as you suggested in your letter to Stan Paul.

Referring to that same issue of May, 1967 I might call your attention to this NY wire I got from that mutual friend of ours. Garrison is quoted as saying: "We have located one other person who was involved in the operation. He was one of the adventurers and was involved in the anti-Castro activities, who was not using a gun but who was engaged in a row in Bealey Plaza in order to get these two guns. (Could this be that man that I mentioned to you above, etc.)...."

"It appears as though that this bullet," Garrison continued, "was fired from a gun which was in the hands of a man who was employed by an intelligence agency because there is assurance even beforehand that there will be no bullets, no shells remaining, with any of the landmarks of the guns to help authorities

identify the guns. Fragible bullets explode into little pieces."

As you can see the guns article by Braverman may be most significant in the light of Garrison's statement.

Well, I'm sure there must be some other items I wanted to call your attention to but I'll close now and let you get back to your work. When do you think you'll be out here again? I'll see what I can do about lining up radio and TV time if you gave me enough time.

So best regards to you in the meantime. Take care of yourself and make sure you don't exhaust yourself. Try to get some more sleep. Hope to see you soon.

Best,

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