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Dear Hal,

Saw Bud yesterday. He said that you or Paul told him the name of the man of whom Lomax wrote; the man Ray saw in New Orleans, is Sam Recile. If this is the case, I'd like to know everything about it. There is such a man. He went bankrupt at or before the time involved building an odd skyscraper that has been in litigation since. For about two years the building, about 55 stories high, has been weathering, the outer part completed, etc. However, with the building so often in the papers, it is also the kind of name that would suggest itself in a fabrication. I know nothing about the man, have come across his name in no other sense. This, of course, is no disqualification.

But also told me that when he was there he was phoned by a woman giving her name as Colony. She had she had done lots of work on the assassination. It seems to me that in this event it is odd she never phoned one of the times I was there, seems not to be known to you, etc. I suggested he give you her number, etc., so you can get in touch.

I think it is time to get in touch with Brandon again and ask him about the women with Odio again. By this time he should have been able to get her to remember anything else she might know, get the answers to the questions I gave him, etc. I still regard that as one of the fruitful areas of inquiry. I saw and taped Mechann after I was there, in fact, on that same trip. Nothing he told me is inconsistent with what they said or I believed. I am satisfied Odio told him things in the confessionals....The Rogerees would have seen me but they were leaving for Florida that day. They said they'd see me there or when they returned to Dallas, which is due by next month. The woman was reluctant to let her name be known. I think it is important that we know it, particularly for her protection but also because I hope to be seeing others soon, those who might have known her, where the mention of the name might trigger recollections.

I gather Paul is deep in his studies. I now have a source of getting microfilm copied free. If he has any he wants copied -or made. Or you do. Is it worthwhile getting a printout on the FPCC file? I have that.

In what time I can get, I'm making an analysis of the government's response to John Nichols' suit, which is, alas, defective in major respects. He is as strong-willed as he is great, and he would not listen in advance. I'll probably have it as another appendix to POST MORTEM III when I'm done. None of you has responded to my offer to send a copy for long enough for you to read it, so I haven't. I have only a few copies. I've got the Wecht testimony excerpted and typed for inclusion and have yet to write the part dealing with the DC trial for I've yet to get the afternoon testimony, where the desperation of the government is so clear. My immediate purpose is to help John and I've let things important to me go to do this...One of my feelers to one of the former Kennedy people apparently is taking. I'll let you know. That "too many guns" whoring of Mark's was fatal here. It has taken almost a year and the damage is not yet undone.

Best to you all,