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Dear Mary,

Your interesting letter of the 5th arrived today. I do not recall LHO and the use of the name Dittell, but what you do with it seems much more reasonable to me than it might with most. In doing my own checking on the Oswald records, as in his pocket notebooks, I found a simple code. In N.O., that is. For example, he had "David Crawford" in his book, when he meant David Chandler. But had he gone to the States office, there'd have been no doubt or confusion, Chandler being the only one close to that. He had 117 Camp, which is the business of a courteous, old-school gentleman, Gemelli, who rents formal attire. But, across the street is the old ITM and at the corner, almost next door, is the back door of the Cigali Bldg., in which Ronny Caire then had an office. Similarly on Canal, where he had a non-existent address, 1032. This is so close to so many of his activities of so little federal interest. Were one to conjecture, it could be a meeting place, a rendezvous.

Your work was very clever. Have you any tentative conclusions based on it? The coincidence with Voshinin is fascinating. His Arlington, Va., address is 6631 Wakefield Drive and his phone is 768, 4406.

Jimmy Robinson: I do not have the NSRP leaflet saying Garrison was going to drag him in nor the postcard. Neither is vital, but I would like to have them. I have the Fields 1/69 newsletter in which he says Robinson was the first man picked up, my interest. You will see this in COUP. If you do not have it and want it, my copy was pasted up in the master copy, but I can get another for you. You mention Thunderbolt (no point in my subscribing-they'd not send it) and Councillor. I'd be interested in anything you see in either on King/Ray. Lil subscribed to Councillor in her maiden name. We've got a single issue and no response to letters asking where it is.

Penn's book: others have told me it is out. He has cast me out of his special world, so I've heard nothing about it or from him. Al Newman has a book coming out in March, advertised as the definitive thing, under the Potter (Brenner) imprint, also to be distributed by Crown (very good distribution). Interestingly, an editor at Crown wanted them to do WHITEWASH in the late winter 1964-5, about February-March, but the top brass would not touch the subject on that side. Also interesting, a gentleman of exactly this name talked another publisher, who was then ready and anxious, out of doing WW toward the end of 1965 when they gave it to him for a reading, their staff knowing him and considering him an expert on this subject. He told them it was a bunch of s---, so they didn't do it. I therefore have certain expectations not consistent with the ad. It will be a \$10.00 book. Frankly, I'm sick when I consider the potential of Forgive My Grief III, from my recent contact with Penn and the lack of it.

That Goldonna Jack Martin and the call from Dallas that caused Rice to go there have long fascinated me. I think I have this in the appendix to O in NO. Except for age, the two Jack Martins are so alike-and the one we know was that day in N.O., having been pistol-whipped by Banister and there is a hospital record to prove it. You know that is not his real name. If you are interested in his background, I have a little on it. Name Suggs, criminal record, etc. Even a wild tape of an phone conversation he had with Regis Kennedy (who was cool). Jack did have an ONI connection in Washington. I've forgotten their name and his office phone number. They were in a book stolen from my motel room in N.O. 4/68. ...The O'leary thong of which you write to Paul is foreign to me... It is not saying much to say that Bob Richter of CBS tried to check this Goldonna thing out and got nowhere. But he did...What I have on Klaus and the Minutemen thing which which he was suspected of connection is in the appendix to COUP. You can get it there if you do not have it. I'll have it done soon. Best,

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Dear Harold, Gary & Paul:

I am addressing this to all three of you, since Harold raised some questions regarding Robert Klause in his letter of 12/28/69 to Gary, Paul and me... Some of what I am going to write now, I discussed with Gary when he visited with me but I believe I asked him not to mention it to anyone so the possibility exists that he didn't even relate it to Harold... and, of course, it is possible that all my "theories" are just so much nonsense.

I'll go back to the beginning of my wild-goose chase. Oswald once used the name "Drittal" and that name bothered me and Arch for several years. We ~~xxx~~ tried converting it to the telephone dial and came up with a FRanklin number. (There is no DR exchange in the Dallas area) We chased everyone who had ever had the phone number FR 4-8825 which is in a mostly colored area of Oak Cliff.

Last year, Arch asked me to send what we had to Shirley Orr, since she is good at working with tedious codes, etc. When I sat down to write to her, I realized I didn't have very much to offer her and started one last effort at deciding what was hidden in Drittal. I thought that if I were going to hide a telephone number in a name, I'd probably turn the number around first. I came up with the number LA 8-8473. This number turned out to belong to a JOHN A. CONREY at 3619 Asbury... very close to Hillcrest and Asbury where there was a mark on Oswald's map. (Incidentally, when we spent several hours studying his map at the Archives, this mark was the only "different" mark on the map. All the others had been made with a blue ball-point pen but this one was a small round pencil dot as opposed to small slash marks or check marks.) This is one of the few marks the Commission questioned Michael Paine regarding. He explained that it marked a very good place to eat. This is really nonsense since there are Luby cafeterias all over Dallas and this one at Hillcrest and Asbury (across from S.M.U.) is by no means better than any of the others which were much nearer the Oswalds.

I went out to look at 3619 Asbury and found it to be a duplex (over and under type) and learned that in the 1961 City Directory, the Igor Voshinins had lived upstairs over Conrey at 3621 Asbury. Conrey first showed up in Dallas about 1959 with no occupation shown but for the past few years, "retired" is following his name. His wife's name is Marie. Conrey is still there, as owner, but the Voshinins moved a few blocks away to Mockingbird Lane.

In 1963, directly across the street from Conrey, at 3620 Asbury, were Clifton M. Mercer and his wife Dorothy. Mercer owned Lettercraft Printing Company and Dorothy Mercer is Robert Klaus's mother. In Jack Ruby's effects was the number for Lettercraft Printing Company but, in the "volumes" it is shown as belonging to a radio station. However, at the time Ruby probably wrote it down it was the Davis Building number for Lettercraft. Lettercraft moved from the Davis Building to 2615 Oak Lawn in 1963.

The Voshinins were the only ones of the Dallas-Fort Worth Russian community who refused to have anything to do with the Oswalds. In some ways, one might even say "they protested too much." Natasha (or Natalie) Voshinin is a geologist and she worked for DeMohrenschildt for two or three weeks in 1955. She said he "is no businessman." Igor Voshinin is an engineer and worked for Mullen & Powell while in Dallas. Following the assassination, the Voshinins moved to Washington, D. C. They live in Arlington, Va. but I don't know just what this engineer and geologist are doing there. When they moved from Asbury, they moved to 3504 Mockingbird.

In 1967, Jimmy George Robinson unsuccessfully ran for public office in Dallas... on an extreme right-wing platform. I have a picture of him on a postcard giving some of his "beliefs"... I'll make you copies of it, if you wish.

Harold is correct in saying that all these extremists knew each other. Also, correct in saying that they flourish in the Oak Cliff area. However, do not overlook another section of Dallas... that is the Military Parkway area and Pleasant Grove and Piedmont areas. I have a copy of the leaflet put out by the NSRP stating that Jim Garrison was going to drag Robinson into the trial in New Orleans. If you don't have this, I'll be happy to send you Xerox's of it. I subscribe to the Thunderbolt, Councillor, Christian Beacon, etc... also to the National Guardian, etc.

I am still practically diving in the book stores looking for the book on the Dallas Police and Jack Ruby's girls. They haven't made an appearance yet. Penn's new book is supposed to be out the 10th of this month.

I am so terribly far behind with correspondence... Poor Jim Schmitt must think I have forgotten his last letter. He asked so many interesting questions and I am still struggling with an answer for him.

Paul, in the last bunch of things you sent Arch, I found many interesting things... the Jack W. Martin from Goldonna, Louisiana... Have any of you ever heard a weird story about a Pearl Simons and Sikes, Louisiana? Goldonna is probably 20 to 25 miles from Sikes!! Goldonna is not too far from the lake where Joe Cody crashed on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963...

I am also interested in the O'Leary who died in New Zealand but was buried in Dallas just a few days before the assassination... Why so persistent about ~~km~~ not letting O'Leary know about the turn the investigation was taking?

Well, I must get to work... Gary, thank you for hinting that you may come back to visit us again this year... We all hope so... And, of course, such as it is, our home is open to any of you who will come.

Sincerely,

Mary