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Dear Mark,

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Thanks for your interesting analysis of the HSCA and the Oswald-Mexico matter. I may use it in amplification of my appeals to which it relates, if you have no objection.

In your conjectures relating to the missing pictures another might be considered: an Oswald associate showing up. There was great (and successful) effort to hide this in New Orleans. I expect Gels to be doing a story on this soon.

On this you omitted what I think relates to pre-11/22 knowledge of Oswald- the request that the Navy provide a picture of him.

If I am not lucid or misunderstood, please come back at me. I'm now subject to spells of dizziness and have the feeling that my head then is not as clear as it might be. One of these hit me just before the mail came, when I read your memo.

I meant to make a carbon of this for Paul but forgot. When you are in touch will you send him one, please? The backlog here will lose it.

There is absolutely no doubt that there was a tape, physically, in Dallas, just after midnight on 11/23/79. I thought I'd informed you or provided copies and I believe you had some awareness of this. I've used it and the related records in appeals that are still being stonewalled. Helman met the plane, Navy, that carried Eldon Rudd, who carried the tape and film. Rudd did a memo in Dallas and a 3-pp TT was sent to FBIHQ on 11/23, aside from what was done by phone. There was a transcript, it was in Dallas, and I have the HQ directive that it be sent to HQ. I've been saying little to keep the nuts from misusing this while I undertake to get the withheld records. There appears not to have been any classification until 7/77, when the records were being processed.

If you have a list of the relevant records I'd appreciate a copy to be certain I've not overlooked anything. And if the HSCA report does not cite the records to which you refer by their FBI numbers and you have them, that would be helpful, too. Especially the obvious lies and particularly to determine if they were added later. They are too inconsistent with the existing record.

I think it would be a good idea to send Don Edwards whatever you can of your suit, addressing false CIA representations, including to the courts, because what is at issue is also before his subcommittee. Tell him it is at my suggestion. Let me know what you send and carbon me on the letter because I expect to be hearing from him.

I knew of Gary Shaw's W/Win theory, thanks. But not of any recent developments, if any. I know what was in Penn's newsletter, which someone sent me.

Hope the school years is a good one.

Good luck in your case. I think you may get a good reception before the appeals court, which is not without some knowledge of the CIA and assassination FOIA cases. I think your legal work on it has been excellent.

Best wishes,