Dear Mark, 1/8/81

The conjectures in your 12/30 are at least reasonable.

If your letter had come before the Mexico City records, I supposed dupes of what Paul asked for but I don't know, I'd have been alert to any 10/18/63 cable. You might ask him or when you are here again youcan check that file, which has worksheets from which you can learn sooner. I saw nothing exciting in it.

Jim has probably told you of the significant victory on the administrative level in the field office cases. There was a status call yesterday. It seems to have gone OK, for anything before Smith maybe better! I don't expect any major Mexico City disclosures but I've prevailed in a substantial proportion of the (b)(1) claims and something may come out there and there is to be major reprocessing whebe the claims are (7)(C) and (D).

By all means keep looking for proof that the tape went to Dallas, but I'm satisfied that the Hoover to Bowley of 11/23/63 is specific enough on that, however unclear he is about other things.

Jim has asked for the reprocessed b1 stuff, which should have been sent long ago.

I'll be interested in your impressions of the Lifton press conference if you go there. As I told Jim, I'm interested enough, including in the reaction of the press, to like to hear a tape of it. I asked Lifton to get one for me. He said he's ask the publisher. My belief is that he expects me not to like the book and is trying, in his own way, to bribe me into not making any comment by promising me a copy for next Tuesday. When he phoned he was explicit enough about wanting me to be favorable and to speak to the press for him. (I fear he impressed those who saw him at HSCA as nutty.)

Thanks for the info. Best to Kevin.

Sincerely,

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NEW ADDRESS →

Dec. 30, 1980

Dear Harold,

This is a belated response to the Mexico City-FBI docs Jim provided me a few weeks ago. The material is definitely interesting, especially the 11/23 Rudd memo. This is the first indication of the time of the contact that MMM made with the Soviet Embassy, presumably on 10/1.

I would guess the first deleted paragraph details LHO's 10/1 "mid-morning" contact with the Soviet Military Attaché. The Attaché told LHO to contact the Russian Embassy.

It then appears that not long

after that, at 12:16 PM, the Mystery Man visits the Embassy. I can only presume that the next lengthy deletion outlines LHO's contact with the Soviet Embassy guard where Oswald inquires about a telegram the Embassy was supposed to have sent in his behalf. It remains unclear why the CIA connected MMM's personal visit with Oswald's apparent telephone call.

The next paragraph reminds me that I can't recall ever seeing the 10/22/63 contact between the CIA and FBI. I also have never seen the 10/18/63 Legal Attache Mexico – Director cable which is item #61 in CE 934.

I certainly would like to know what the CIA furnished at the bottom of page 3! I'm still trying to confirm that a tape recording went to Dallas.

Gotta run. Hope these comments have been useful.

Happy New Year!
Mark