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506 14th Street, N.W. Charlottesville, Va. 22903 March 31, 1976

Dear Harold,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th. I haven't gotten too much response on the Odio paper to the people I've sent it too Ism glad that some one at least has some questions.

Re: Oswald's 9/24 unemployment check: There is no date on the store stamp itself. The employee merely stamps a "Pay to the Order of ... For Deposit Only" on each check and puts his or her initials on it. Since the employees involved worked both the afternoon of the 24th and the morning of the 25th, the store stamp doesn't tell us much. The key piece of evidence placing Oswald in New Orleans until at least theoreming of the 25th is the FBI study of when Oswlad's check, being mailed from Austin, Texas on 49/25 would have arrived at his post office box. This looked pretty reasonable to me.

Oswald wrote the Socialist Labor Party in 11/62, asking for lite ature. Albert Newman has pointed out that the envelope Oswald sent his request in is machine stamped, indicating a prior contact with the SLP. See Twiford Exhibit 1. Taking their time, the SLP in July of 1965 forwarded Oswald's request to Twiford as National Conditteeman At Large for Texas. Finally in 9/11 Twiford mailed Oswald the Labor issue of their magazine, presumably with his return address. Twiford was not unknown to the Houston Police Dept., who had a subversive file on him, noting nostly that he hung around with "lanown Communists".

You say you heard from someone on the paper down here. Do you mene mean the sudent paper, the Cavalier Daily or perhaps the town paper, the Daily Progress? At any rate, if Lane is spreding around any bad information, I-want-to-know-about-it to my newspaper I would like to know about it. Nothing in the papers have resembling what your talking about. You have aroused my curiosity though, and I would like to know what the report was about. It isn't that old Ruby- Batchelor story, is it?

I worked a little on the material Downing was putting in the CR for his assault on the House Rules Comm. I never checked to see if it got in. I spent my Spring vacation looking at the newly released stuff in the Archives. 99% is pure junk as I expected. The other 1% is slightly interesting, I hope to be able to talk to you about it sometime soon.

You asked if I could carry the Odio part further? I don't know what else to say except she thought the visit was between 6 and 9pm sometime between 9/25-27. Could you elaborate?

Hope everything is going well .

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