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Dear John,

Because I was away, your 10/19 note on the Thermofax of the FBI report of 11/23/63 to Cutty on the spectrographic and other analysis did not reach me until just now. You request reply by return mail, so I do the best I can without being able to check.

I do not recall the exhibit number of this sheet, which I also think is not identical with the CD. I think I have the CD, and it is a different version of perhaps the same thing. Mine does not have the FBI Report (Lab) letterhead, as I recall it. My copy is posted up in the appendix to an unprinted book, I think POST MORTEM. Paul is by far the best person for such inquiries. I am sending him a carbon in the hope it will reach you faster in some useable form.

These samples were brought up immediately, I think by Drain. Now I do have some other knowledge that may help you just a little.

The morning the transfer of various things under the Clark 10/31/66 order was in the papers, I was in the Archives asking for the spectro. Johnson got Cunningham on the phone at the FBI. At C's direction, Johnson got what I think is the different version of this same thing and gave it to me as the spectro. I showed him immediately it was not the spectro, he got back on the phone with Cunningham, and we got no farther, then or since. Cunningham tried to pretend the spectro was in the Archives and this was it,

But in taking a less-hasty look at the single, first page you sent me, it lists only what was available in DC, the booklet and fragments, and is not the same thing Johnson showed me. Only similar.

When you can, tell me more about it and perhaps I can help more. I expect to be at the Archives tomorrow and if I am I'll get the answer and send it immediately. If Johnson is not there, this may not be possible. But I will try.

I was in NY, with Sylvi briefly when she got a copy of Finck's testimony from Paul. I have read it and regard it as important. When I can I'll be preparing a memo on it.

Probably the delay in getting your transcript from NO now is their preoccupation with the campaign, now in the stretch.

Best regards,