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Hi ar Jim,

Urlet 6 came this a.m. Hasty response (shoulder still problem). No apologies for not letting me know. Your absence did. Made no problems. Bringuier tape: I suspect the second side of each didn't get dubbed, but I could be wrong. We'll learn when you are here. But I do not recall from it several things to which you refer. Your AF friend, I know some people who are in what has come to be called draft opunselling, but they are not near here. Reason for believing Arcacha and LHO didn't know each other in N.O. is that Arcacha left long before LHO arrived...While the personal stuff, as between Marina and Ruth, is irrelevant to the story of the assassination, it is not totally irrelevant and is good to understand and can help overall understanding, as many such things have. Now for your letter to Mitchell:

I think it unlikely you are in a position to appraise or begin to understand how undependable your sources and enclosures are. The idea is a good one but the documentation is deficient and may make it easy to pass off because Mitchell will soon be told what the case is, or whoever will read and respond for him, probably criminal or civil division. Some of these things are new to me, and of them and a few others, if possible, I'd appreciate copies. One is HHH letter.

What Bud now thinks of Nagell I do not know. I have from the first considered him sick and undependable as a source, and it is possible he believes what his mind created. Weak. If you have anything on Underhill that stacks up, it is new to me. I have seen the Ramparts raw material and even they found it deficient. Bolden, regardless of what he was in 1963, seems pretty clearly to be a sick man today. I don't know what your Exhibit 4 is and might like to have it. If it is Lane's statement after he and Alcock saw Bolden, I have it. I have done much work on your Exhibit 5, and some of it will appear in FRAMEUP. %b,c,d might interest me. If c is the conversation between Somerset and Milteer, I have it, but probably not d. ...There is nothing credible about Hicks, and the inference that he did not require institutionalization until after the beating (the nature of which is open to question and the inference given not warranted) is, to the best of my knowledge, without warrant. Were it, using an inmate of an insane asylum as a witness is at best weak. In any event, the story attributed to him seems to me to be rubbish. I have never seen his alleged "confession" and would like to....I had heard but not seen Exhibit 7 and would like to. I have been told other things that could be relevant but I have not been able to substantiate them....Broshears got so bad they had to get him out of N.O., Louis told me, and Louis agreed with my belief that he cannot be believed. His conduct there is incredible. Including what under other circumstances would have been regarded as criminal conduct....Both parts of 9 could be interesting, because I always wondered what, if anything, Garrison did with such leads that I gave him, including tape interviews that I followed up and in turn gave him. I regard Turner as not overly-concerned with accuracy and his work as not reflecting 10 yrs. of FBI experience, so I'd be interested in this, and maybe 10....If 11 is what I think it is, the best that can be said for it is that it can't be really substantiated...I take it that 12 refers to the Renfro Hays suit. I haven't seen that and he was not investigator for Ray but for Hanes, and Ray appears not to have trusted him and to have wanted his own investigator in several narrow areas...The Charach complaint is persuasive, and I have no doubt about his sincerity, but I know some of those upon whom he depends and I have as much faith in them as in the survival of a balloon in a pin factory. This is not to say that Charach is wrong, and I'm satisfied the whole story has not been told and I've got a notion of some of what is being hidden, but the Charach thing is not adequate and despite a major effort, Bud could do nothing with it or him. I don't know what his present attitude is for we've had no occasion to discuss it. There is the constant problem of the well-intentioned and the roads....Those samples of Bringuier's propaganda are real sick. No wonder they can't do anything. Sorry I've no more time, and many thanks. See you soon.

Best,

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January 6, 1971

Dear Hal,

Your great letter of the 3rd had just come in and I am responding immediately. I apologize for not having called or written, and I certainly hope this did not inconvenience you or your wife in any way. The closer to the time to get up there, the more impossible it became. The mails are cleared, as you say, due to PB strike and then Christmas rush, but I think they are settling back to normal sorry service. The tape was very late in getting to you, having been mailed the first of December. At any rate, I decided it would probably be best to wait until after the holidays, after you'd heard the tape, to write, in order to avoid any further confusion.

I don't think I mentioned this before, but I am presently working on a case here in Biloxi of Sgt. Roger Eearn, who had applied for a conscientious objector discharge from the Air Force which was disapproved, for reasons which violate the A.F.'s own regs. I am astounded to learn of the intense harassment he has undergone from the F.B.I. We are close friends, and I am trying to help him get legal representation. This is a very interesting case, which will most probably necessitate a trip to Washington, as I said over the phone, around February, at which time I will call you again in advance. I had, however, hoped we could make it earlier, as there are many things we need very much to go over, in detail.

First of all, regarding the tape, I am sorry to learn that the quality of the copy was poor. The original is not excellent, but not as bad as you described. I will bring it with me in Feb. I had rushed in getting that up to you, and thought it was okay. The machine on which it was first recorded, at Brinquier's home, was the cheapest one we could find on Canal St. just minutes before meeting him at his store. The story of how we managed to get this interview is an amusing one in and of itself, a comedy of errors, all of which turned out for the good.

It was a small machine, and so the interview was done on four sides of two separate reels, with a break in between for some Argentine coffee, which made me and my two friends ill. When I dubbed it for your copy on a larger reel, I put **both** sides of each smaller reel onto one side of the larger reel, which left some space blank on each side. I hope this clears that up. The copy you have, I am certain, is the uncut, undubbed version.

So you therefore have the full interview, I am sure. But there were interesting remarks made, in both languages, during the conversation over coffee (which caused cholera morbus later; check your Funk & Wagnell's for that!), and in the ride back from his house to his store.

He did not give us the name of his relative with the stock market co. who called to tell him JFK was shot, and we had decided not to press him in case he would get suspicious. (He has, I'm sure, since realized that we are "Garrison agents".) I also did not ask him to name the other individual who tried to sell his story to the Picayune, but I assume it was Quiroz.

In each of these cases, and in several others, he was a bit coy, and difficult to pump, as in the matter of the camps: we had to ask him carefully several leading questions before he ever admitted their existence. He is very wary about that, from experience. From his point of view, the smartest thing would be to shut up, but he craves publicity. Also, as you know, he told a blatant lie, probably thought up spontaneously, to explain the FBI agents wanting to see Oswald privately. He said Cubans consider any plain-clothesman an FBI agent, but he wasn't really sure he was. In his testimony, he says the two men "identified" themselves as agents of the "FBI" (10H 50).

We did manage to get only the enclosed two pamphlets from Brincquier, and this is the only literature he would give us. I doubt we will be able to get anymore.

I am surprised to learn that he lied to us about the first time he met Oswald. This is one of many things I look forward to discussing with you in detail. Also, I want to find out why you say Arcaha and Oswald could not have known each other in L.C. I have always believed they were close friends, and recall a lot of evidence they were together, not just David Davis' at home. This, of course, is Garrison's naive contention in his book, that Arcaha was a member of the N.C. "intelligence community", sent LHO by the Dallas i.c., which included Mrs. Paine and DeMorsewilsht. And I can remember back when I was in the office that DeM. was being considered as a suspect, and I think a case was being prepared against him. I agree that Paine's sex life is personal and irrelevant; I brought it up only with regard to the FBI's apparent knowledge and underestimating of her emotional dependence on Mrs. Paine, which apparently resulted in Paine's phony stories re Oswald's attempts on "Liber" and "Liron. I assume Ruth visits all this in her head, a strange girl in a foreign country, terrified by the Secret Service. Your book is the only testament of the suspect I have ever seen which encompassed the real problem.

I did receive your great letter of 12/16 before leaving for Christmas vacation, and appreciate very much your last three letters in spite of your sore shoulder and hope by now it is healing.

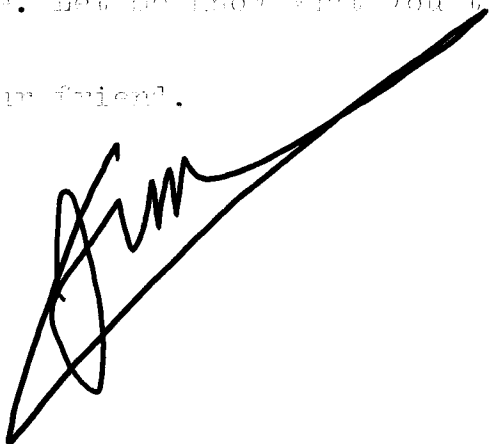
I did not mean to pour cold water all over your idea regarding the Black Panthers in E.C. It relates basically to the same direction begun at the time of the assassination, and I am sure the results would be fruitful. Let me know exactly what you want and next time I get down to E.C. (which may be soon), I'll do my best to get it.

I have saved the best for last, I think. Heroin enclosed is a copy of my letter to the Attorney General, which you will find interesting. I have just sent it, as I think I mentioned before I was going to do, to Fensterwald for review, and he has just let me know he has sent it on. If we get a negative reply, and are able to prove it unreasonable, the two Congressional committees I mentioned before will make an initial inquiry, the preliminary step before a full investigation and/or hearings, which is what I want. I would welcome your comments, suggestions, and/or criticism.

On this matter, too, let me say that if I ever do or say anything publicly or privately which embarrasses you or disturbs you in any way, inasmuch as we are close friends, please feel free to kick me up, and let me know swiftly. I am also well aware that much of what has been written already has been stolen or plagiarized from you, in one way or another, perhaps not in every instance maliciously or even intentionally, and if I ever appear to be doing so accidentally, please call this to my attention immediately. I will keep you informed of everything I am doing, also, which will prevent this. I look forward to working with you more on this and I believe we are close to our goal.

See you in Feb., I hope. Let me know what you think about letter to A.G.

Your friend,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a diagonal line that extends from the bottom right towards the center of the page.

The Honorable John Mitchell
Attorney General of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

For the past three years I have been working with a group of concerned citizens all over the world who are actively investigating the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Our conclusions are not as yet complete, but on the basis of the enclosed information, I would like respectfully to ask you the following:

- (1.) Is the Justice Department still actively investigating any of these three cases, or is it your official position that each case is closed?
- (2.) Is it your opinion that all of the persons involved have been brought to justice, or do you believe that there was a conspiracy?
- (3.) Do you believe that each of these three assassinations was the result of one man acting alone?
- (4.) Do you believe that there was a connection between the three assassinations?

Prior to your answering each of these questions, I would appreciate your reading the following enclosures (and if possible, naming and returning them to me), specifically:

- EXHIBIT #1: Copy of letter from the Honorable Robert T. Lamahrey, in which he states his opinion that there was no conspiracy in any of the three assassinations.
- EXHIBIT #2: Copy of published statement by Richard Gene Marshall, former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency, regarding his knowledge before the fact of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.
- EXHIBIT #3: Copy of published statement by J. Garratt Marshall, former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency, regarding his knowledge before the fact of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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- EXHIBIT #4: Published statement by Abraham Bolden, former agent of the Secret Service, regarding his knowledge before the fact of a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.
- EXHIBIT #5: Copy of reprinted news story from The Miami Herald dated February 2, 1967, by reporter Bill Barry, detailing contents of a wiretapped telephone conversation between an extremist organization leader, and an intelligence informant, in which the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy was discussed.
- #5a: Copy of published report of investigation by citizens regarding above tape recording
- #5c: Copy of excerpt from transcript of tape recording, with names of participants deleted.
- #5d: Copy of published story of tape, which fills in the names deleted in exhibit 5c.
- EXHIBIT #6a: Published story regarding confession statement of James Hicks, given to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, in which he confesses to his participation as "radio signalman" for the assassins of President Kennedy in Dallas.
- #6b: Copy of published story further regarding the statement of James Hicks, following which he was beaten almost to death, and is presently in solitary confinement at a state mental institution in Oklahoma.
- EXHIBIT #7: Copy of published intercepted communications of David Ferris (named as a suspect in the assassination by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison), in which he admits his participation in the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.
- EXHIBIT #8: Copy of published statement to Raymond Probsterns, former New Orleans District Attorney, in which he admits to having been misled as to his participation in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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- EXHIBIT 9a: Published story of Mr. William W. Turner, Mill Valley, California, regarding his investigation of a conspiracy by the Minutemen in the assassination of President Kennedy.
- 9b: Continuation; regarding his investigation of conspiracy in assassination of Dr. King.
- EXHIBIT #10: Published story of evidence further regarding evidence of Minutemen conspiracy in assassinations.
- EXHIBIT #11: Published story of aborted plot by rightist propaganda organization against President Kennedy, involving one Bernard Weissman, who was also involved in demonstrations against Adlai Stevenson in Dallas prior to the President's visit, who paid for advertisement viciously attacking President Kennedy on the day of his arrival, and who allegedly met with Jack Ruby and Officer J.D. Tippit in Ruby's nightclub in Dallas on November 14, 1963, eight days prior to the President's arrival. The Justice Department and the Warren Commission were previously furnished this information by New York attorney Mark Lane, but the source of the report, the eyewitness of this meeting, was withheld, and is herein furnished.
- EXHIBIT #12: Copy of published story regarding lawsuit for disclosure of evidence; filed by private investigator for James Earl Ray.
- EXHIBIT #13: Copy of complaint filed by Mr. Theodore Charach, Los Angeles, regarding evidence of second assassin in shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter, and I would be most grateful if you could get back to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Jim Brown