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Dear Jim,

Good to hear from you again. Thanks for interesting enclosures. I am and have been in a real bind on time and it will get worse in the immediate future as more proofs come in for reading, with the appendix to the book to prepare and annotate, and with the legal matters. I'd like to see you when you are here but things I cannot now schedule may interfere. As of now I expect to be here. If you are driving, perhaps you can stop off here on your way back. If you will use Rt. 15 or Rt. 301 at this end, they are both nearby. In any event, we are an hour from DC.

On the legal matters, you cannot help. You cannot qualify, the law prescribing certain prerequisites you have not met. This is a tedious business, and the preliminaries take much time. I've filed the papers on the reports on Ronnie and have had no answer. The future will have to determine what I'll do.

Butler: until we can get another cat tail, we'll be quiet. Your info on his funds is right. His appeal is to the uninformed and the uncritical and to those who are predisposed to at least the right and usually the extreme of it.

Keweenaw's book is sick, real sick. I saw it when I was struggling through it. He prevented publication of WILLIAM in 1965 when the editor of a house favorably disposed asked him for a reading for accuracy. Had I tell you he said it was not accurate. You'll note Keweenaw's no mention of seeing my work. All he did with the terrible thing he and Tom written was update it, like the few insertions that disqualify everything, Walker being away when he said LHO was on his way to kill him. Which is the entire basis of his nightmare.

Bringuer: you can be useful. You are right to learn his testimony and his book well. I think if you can make him understand how great he is, he might, eventually, consent to a taped interview so you can write about him with the greatest precision, missing not a single of the words of wisdom. Try and learn what he knew about the camps, get him to tell you about the boys who were there when LHO was—all about these dedicated young men so willing to die to liberate Cuba. His story on them is perjurious. So you will know and not indicate to him, they, or at least one, was there many times, and this incident was in June, as soon as school was out. Which means LHO was there earlier (and possibly also later, for he mounted that area). One area where he may be more touchy may also be important, and that is the identification of the car he was asked to tell the FBI about by the people in Sene's bar. He is a backrat, keeping everything, so don't let him pass this off as something he has forgotten. We'll have a slip of paper on it. You might tell him that through police connections you have near college, you might be able to get it traced and tell him more about it. There was a Cuban outfit in the old ITM at that time, loosely called the Free Cuba Committee. See if you can learn anything about that and the people there and what they did. Ask him if he thinks LHO could have been picketing them. (Their presence was reported in the papers). The other agent is important. Maybe we'll tell you what he looked like. If he does, go see Louis and ask him who it might be. But if he gives you the name, that would be better. Likely possibilities are Keack, deBrueys and Kennedy. We may know all (certainly deB), so if one of these, we could tell you. Likewise negative. He was interviewed by a number, so those also we should know. If we saw them, as I think we did.

Even his own staff tried to warn Jim about Tom. Split milk now.

Bringulier is quite an ego. He'd like to be the new Batista and really thinks he has the stuff. Maybe you can get him to believe you think Butler has really stolen his stuff and get him turned on about Butler that way. He is also supposed to be anti-semitic and he is anti-black. Maybe you can get some of this literature from him. He has printed his own anti-Black stuff. He allegedly invented anti-Semitism from B.A.

If you reread NO Regs on Thornley, it does not say that this was at the time he knew LHO was in N.O. It can be interpreted that way, and I do. I think KP's knowing about that radio and TV stuff is what directed him to INCA and Butler. But he was or had been on the outs with LHO when they last saw each other. However, there is other reason I cannot give you for believing they were together in NO.

My phone is 301/475-8185 for when you are near here. If it is possible, I'd like to get together with you. Esp. if you can have seen Bringulier by then. But the course of the book and the suits is something I cannot control or foresee.

Best regards, and thanks,

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Dear Hal,

If the mail service in this country had been worth a damn I would have received your terrific letter before going up to Jackson for the conference with my attorney. As it is I have just received it the day after returning, and am hastening to reply, since it contains several matters requiring immediate attention regarding pending concerns.

First, Ed Butler: when I read your letter, asking if his magazine had folded, I thought it impossible. But sure enough, you were right! It published three issues, then went defunct, very much to my surprise, considering his extensive financial backing. I am told by people who know that he gets the support of several rich men, mostly rightists, like Patrick Frawley of *Thick*, etc., and the results are predictable: a heavy propaganda barrage, which spans most of Latin America, with radio propaganda tapes against Castro et al, and now has spearheaded a movement on the campuses. The latter has some rather frightening implications. Some young friends (students, etc.) in and around New Orleans, which you might call hippies, have provided some elucidation. Some like Butler and respect him though disagreeing with him, because of his work against the youth drug problem. However, most of his "followers" have become disillusioned, so I understand, and agree with your delineation of him as unprincipled and extremist. I am concerned about some of these kids he has a hold on, whom he has got parroting his special "line". This is not necessarily patriotism in the common sense, *more like brainwashing.*

He certainly has commercialized on the assassination, as you say, and that's putting it mildly. He got alot of mileage out of his radio debate with Oswald, and now dresses in slick threads and has an expensive hairdresser. *However, it now looks like* unless the C.I.A. can bail him out by furnishing another Oswald, the ship may be sinking, at last. All of this should be exposed, for those kids' sakes (I've managed to wise a few up myself), in view of the enclosed "Declaration" especially (which you, with your experience, can easily detect its dangerous implications), but I assume that a re-opening of the assassination case will clean out alot of dirty closets. Thus I feel any further work herein is wasteful and unproductive for now, inasmuch as Butler is the most brilliant propagandist I've ever seen and all of his literature reflects this.

To make our collections complete, I sent in a membership application and wrote to Butler directly, using my college address. His wife replied cordially, and I will copy everything and pass it all along. Do you have the book she mentions by Albert Newman?  If not, let me know, and I'll send you a copy. It attempts to prove a Marxist conspiracy, has lots of padding and is highly over-rated, but worth adding to the collection.

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I am sorry Butler never got a chance to debate Lane. It would have been better than a women's wrestling match. Maybe they would've cancelled each other out. Each is a demagogue of a different category, but they are cut from the same cloth. And I see Butler also travels the lecture circuit. Lane charges \$1,000 a throw, through Harry Walker Agency, Inc., New York, but has now gone off to other matters.

I didn't know you didn't have a record player. I'd send you mine, but postage would be prohibitive. Perhaps I could tape my copy of the record "Oswald Speaks" and send it to you. My tape recorder is in Texas right now. Actually, though, it is just more of Butler's doctrinaire propaganda.

Carlos Brinsquier is a horse of an entirely different color. Will definitely take your advice, and in one way or the other get him privately to tell me what he knows. I'm studying him carefully, in preparation, including his testimony, which I now have. My Congressman recently assisted me in the purchase of the set of volumes and I am studying them carefully, so from now on, if you want to direct my attention to something, you can just refer me to volume and page nos. to same time, and space.

I have searched the volumes thoroughly and find no reference in Brinsquier's testimony or in other references to the two F.B.I. agents who took Oswald aside after they were arrested and asked for the names of pro-Castro informants, when LHO said, "I'll tell you, but not in front of Brinsquier." I also used Sylvia's great index, which is a life-saver. This remark obviously proves that Oswald was gov't-connected.

In regard to same, no, I never expected any cooperation from the Justice Department. In fact, my purpose in seeing a lawyer and in writing to Congressman Colmer was to see what could be done in the alternative, since it is probable Oswald was an informant, or double-agent, for them and others. I feel that a permanent sub-committee of Congress would be the best place to start; although I don't have utmost confidence in that system, I can think of nothing better to start with, at this late date.

In any case, I do agree that we should meet again soon to combine our efforts, in this regard. Your most recent suits against the Department of Justice sound good. Would like to discuss same with you, and particularly your possible suit for the file report on Ronny Caire. I have not seen him in a couple of months, but I

will try to talk to him again about this. I just don't want to turn him off completely, in the event of a new investigation, so I will be careful. As you may know, he is not in excellent health, among other things, with diabetes, and back trouble. If possible, I would be glad to join you in your suits, if you like. I don't have much money, either, but maybe if we pool our poverty we can come up with something strong enough. In any case, we can discuss this. I intend to be in Washington, D.C., on or about the 22nd of Nov., and stay through about the 24th. Do you have any plans then? I will be traveling by car, and if Frederick is near a main highway I could possibly pick you up.

I am sorry to hear that Penn Jones has gone haywire, although I suspected something was wrong from his last book. I knew Boxley, also, and worked with him and Bethell. I liked the former also as did Penn, and I tried to warn Garrison about the latter. Yet it hardly surprises me in a way that either was perfidious. Nevertheless, it becomes the more unfortunate in that it breaks down what is so needed-- a united effort to get this case re-opened. Bernie Fensterwald said that it would be impossible to re-unite all the dissenting elements, they are so diverse.

Nevertheless, there is still time and hope, and I will look forward to discussing it all with you, if possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JRM', written in a cursive style.

Enclosures

P.S. Please do let me know as soon as you can if we can meet in Washington