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Dear Jim,

Delighted to get your letter of the 20th. I've skimmed the enclosures and will now respond, while reading the letter for the first time, which may make for some confusion. It is to save time so that I may respond in more detail with the time I have.

If Butler's magazine hasn't folded, I would like whatever you can get. I have Vol 1, #2 and Vol. 2, #1. I also have a record of "Oswald Speaks" but no record player. I do not have a tape of it. I have the tape WDSU used (radio) and I have a dub of the remaining WDSU footage, with the stipulation that I give it to no one and make no public use of it. They did cooperate with me. WWL let me see theirs. And I've seen the Secret Service copy. It appears identical with mine.

For your understanding and help in collecting this info, Butler was the first to commercialize the JFK assassination. INCA was broke and crumbling at that moment. He then conned and fleeced conservative, who do not regard him as what he is, both unprincipled and an extremist.

What remains of the TV footage does not show this second LHO assistant. I doubt Butler has any other film. His descriptions are shills, and the "pre-assassination" film can be nothing else, unless he got some of the amateur footage, which I doubt. I've got one (after the FBI cut out what they wanted nobody to see). If it costs anything to get this film, I recommend against spending your limited funds that way.

I feel pretty much the same way about Bringuier. He is incapable of making contact with political reality and your students will not be in a position to know when he is making it up, giving things his special twist (which is really fascist), or when he lies and distorts, and he does both. I fear the end product is that they'd get no more than extremist indoctrination and that it is unlikely he'd tell you anything of worth before an audience. I think your chances are much better if you let this wait until you can get to N.O. and then tell him you'd like to interview him privately because he has all this great first-hand knowledge and understanding, etc. If that has to wait a little while, it might be better, for the more time passes the less clear will be his recall of the lies he has already told and he may let the truth come out in some areas.

Ronnie Caire: the Justice Department tells me they have no single FBI report of any interview with him! Maybe he'd like to know that. So, because I simply do not believe it, I've made formal application, accompanied with the fee, etc., in a manner that makes it possible for me to sue for them. Whatever I get, I'll send you and him. If I get anything at all. The official problem is that they withheld all of this from the WC., so they have to pretend there is nothing. I think the reasons had nothing to do with Ronnie.

I do have the sources you sight on the third man and I credit none of them for different reasons I won't take time for. I do not believe Garrison ever learned who this second man was and, when I interviewed the first in his presence, about 10/21/68, I assure you he didn't know then. I taped this interview while the man was looking at the WDSU film.

I believe Bringuier also told the FBI or the Commission there were two agents who came to see Oswald. I think this is in his testimony and it is probable. I think they are hiding the identity of the second for a special reason.

While I hate to discourage any approach, I do want you and your attorney to have an understanding of the enormity of any attempt to get anything from Justice, especially when they are as up tight as they are on this subject, particularly with what I have done and am now doing to them. I've won the first suit, filed two more, and they know I've laid the foundation for others. Your not going to get anything from Justice that in any way shows they had any connection with LHO, believe me. When we are together again and I can tell you what I've learned already, you'll understand this better.

Do not work with Penn on this or try to interest Jim's office, for the attitude there has changed. Penn has gone a bit off his rocker and had best be left alone until he can reorient himself. He regards almost everyone as an agent today. Jim has had serious complications (infections) following his back surgery. Thanks much and best regards,

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Dear Hal,

I certainly appreciated your great letter of last month, and although most of the matters are still unfinished, I thought I should go ahead now and give you a preliminary progress report.

First, I am assembling copies of all of Ed Butler's propaganda, which, believe me, is considerable. Butler wrote a book entitled Oswald Speaks which was never published but was serialized under the title "The Great assassin Puzzle" in his own magazine, The Square, which is financed by wealthy rightists such as Patrick Frawley, etc. I have ordered a copy and will pass it along, and other material later. I'll send now what I've thusfar had time to gather.

I was aware that two people helped Oswald at the International Trade Mart, but I did not realize that one had been identified and the other made non-existent. I may be wrong, but I seem to recall shortly after the news of the probe broke and I was living with family at the time, that WDSU had newsreels of Oswald with (I thought) two people. I have already checked with WDSU-tv on another matter re the assassination and they were uncooperative. However, Butler's organization puts out a documentary (propaganda, you know) film on Oswald, which "shows rare pre-crime footage of Oswald's...actions up to the assassination" hence, maybe, the demonstration? It's worth a try, don't you think?

I have made friends with some of the Student Government Association officers here, and have discussed the subject with them. Whether they agree or not (the entire council has to vote on it at their next meeting, which is in a couple of weeks), I'll just go ahead and order the film, and if it shows two people helping Oswald, I'll have that sequence copied, and be glad to loan same to you. What I'm especially hopeful they'll do is to invite Brinquier up here as a guest lecturer, and, if so, I'll ask him all of the questions you mentioned. Of course, I will, as you suggest, indicate sympathy, and treat "Dr." Brinquier with extreme deference and courtesy, and perhaps we can catch him unawares. I know you're going to suggest I tape record everything. Don't worry. I will.

With the exception of a few very close, trusted friends (not including Ronny Caire), I have kept all of your letters to me in the strictest of confidence, as you mention, to avoid any possible legal repercussions. Perhaps we will have an opportunity to discuss this later.

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My recollection had been that Garrison had already obtained the name of the third individual from Eladio delValle, and reviewing my extensive files I refresh my memory. If you have time, (and I assume you have all of the following sources cited; if not, let me know and I'll make copies and send you) please check these:

- (1) September 1967 PLAYBOY (Garrison interview), pp. 161, 176.
- (2) Lewis&Schiller, Scavengers&Critics (Jell pan.), p.201
- (3) November 1968 SAGA, p.90 (by Penn Jones).

Also, I located in Buchanan's book Who Killed Kennedy?(page 128 in the paperback), the fact that in June 1964, Brinsquier said in a speech on the Harris circuit that when he and Oswald were "arrested and brought to the police station, there were two members of the F.B.I. there. Brinsquier said these agents asked Oswald to identify pro-Castro sympathizers in New Orleans, and Brinsquier declared Oswald replied, 'I'll tell you, but not in front of Brinsquier.' The anti-Castro Cuban said that he was then requested to withdraw, and did so."

Finally, I am enclosing copy of a letter in my box this morning from my Congressman in the 5th district of Miss., Bill Colmer. I had thanked him for arranging for me the purchase of the 26 volumes from the G.P.O. and told him that in view of Garrison's charge that Oswald was an informant for the F.B.I. the Justice Department which would be the normal processor of complaints, was there an appropriate committee of Congress to which we could appeal? The enclosed is his cordial reply. In a few days, I shall show the original to my attorney (whom I need to consult routinely soon), Roger Mills, of the firm of Anderson, Banks, Nichols and Leventhal; Jackson, Miss. (Roger was in the news recently when he became the first white man in the state of Miss. to get a marriage license with a black wife. Anderson was famous in the recent Jackson State hearings, representing the students, and Le venthal is counsel in a suit against the State Board of Ed. for allowing state textbooks to be used in private systems to avoid integration with blacks. Roger has been a very good friend for some time.) I intend to see if he has any new ideas about how we can legally pry this case back open.

I am also enclosing pamphlet recently received (last summer) from attorney Godfrey Isaac. I have written him a lengthy letter, and requested information regarding the "March on Washington". (Nov. 22 is on a Sunday this year)?? Anyhow, will let you know, and maybe we could meet in Washington some time.

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As soon as any of this breaks, I'll promptly inform you of developments. In the meantime, let's do keep in touch, and let me know if you think of anything else we could ask Bringuier. I might write Penn Jones. Haven't heard from him in quite a while; might let him in on all this, if that's okay with you. Incidentally, a relative from Texas told me they saw in the E.O. paper that Alcock said at a hearing that Garrison had been in the hospital since July (which explains why nobody's heard from him lately or seen him in the quarter), although I think he's out now.

Hope you are doing well; keep in touch. Best wishes--

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Brown", written in a cursive style.

Enclosures.