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Dear Mae,

Do I have to tell you how much your letter mailed the 18th honors and pleases me?

Ten years and 2500 miles separates us. Where two years ago I felt young and wore out teams of college-age youngsters, today, with my 57th birthday next month, I no longer feel young (in body, that is). But I still feel the angst on my shoulder and still feel I will complete what I have undertaken. I also feel you will still be around then, probably still feeling younger than I.

More than four years ago I made arrangements for my files. They will be an archive in a major university, part of an entirely unofficial JFK archive. When we both survive for that happy day, perhaps you would like for your fine work to be there, too?

For the past several years I have been eliminating such a contingency as you plan for with my own work (and writing insurance simultaneously) by having duplicate deposits of it, all with completely trustworthy young people and with never less than double duplication (depending on the materials).

However, I have not been able to systematize my files as you have, for all my collections have been with specific writing in mind. For more than a year, however, I have been carding the significant material, and I have gone back and included a fair amount of what I'd gotten earlier.

So you can understand how much I've written, I have done four books I could not get printed (aside from what I wrote for other emergency purposes and have no desire to get printed) and have a fifth researched. These will ultimately be one large book on the autopsy and what relates to it and one on all three major assassinations, handled as a coup d'etat (the copyrighted title already twice stolen), with most on the King/Ray case. I've done large parts of a book titled AGENT OSWALD (as you can see, our beliefs and interests here overlap), and had researched TIGER TO RIDE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE CUBA MISSILE CRISIS when I laid it aside to do what has appeared, based on my own sense of priorities. I had almost completed ANCHESTER MACCHIARELLI: THE UNINTENDED UNOFFICIAL WHITENASH when I put it aside to finish OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. I have not yet firmly decided whether EXCESS will be part II of AGENT OSWALD or a separate book.

And I've already begun a series of suits vs the government on the suppression of evidence. The first, on the King/Ray case, was filed two weeks ago. Probably the next, if necessary, will be on the panel reports. While I am going, laboriously, through the rejected Archives requests now, I believe, in appeals channels, necessary as a preliminary to suit, I have already served notice on DJ of intent to file a suit on the Ferrie documents. Here and with the panel materials I think I not only can be my own attorney, but I think I must because no lawyer can master the material I have in mind for examination of witnesses. I may bracket the Archives with the autopsy panels, not yet having decided. And you know, now that the government knows I am serious, in some areas, ever so slightly, the attitude is changing. I am beginning to get some of what has been withheld. It is important to make no use of it until all of this is completed to the point it can be, which may be enough to eliminate the need for some suits.

So, I've full plans and full occupation.

Our ancestries are much alike in longevity, save for my father and

maternal grandfather, who died at about my age. Mostly they push five score. I am engaged in a physical rebuilding program of sorts, working outside those days it is fit and swimming three-four times a day, briefly, when it is warm enough. When we bought this place we found a forty-foot swimming pool! It is 25 feet from the back door and I run in before each meals, before bed when the nights are not too cool, and once in a while in between. We are so isolated I needn't changes into a suit. All summer I wear nothing but shorts here, sometimes sandals. So this fine relaxation and exercise takes little time. I even sunbathe while working. But this was a hard winter and I feel, heavily and wearily, the restrictions it imposed on physical exercise.

Most of my materials are in one room, at least those I use regularly, But I also have four bank vaults and use other parts of our home, for one room will not hold what I have.

I haven't read thee 15 pages on your filing system, for I want to do that when I can concentrate, as after dinner tonight. A glance tells me it is quite interesting. But what you are doing means much to me, even though I do not expect it ~~xxx~~ to come to pass, that I wanted to write you immediately to thank you.

I wish I thought there were a chance of my being in Calif sometimes soon, but I cannot anticipate it. In the past my trips have not been subsidized and those who said they'd pay me for speeches, etc., just didn't or weren't able to. My financial condition is such that I cannot travel without my expenses being paid in advance. And with all the others having insisted upon and gotten large fees, I will have to regard speeches as part of my work for which I am paid, at least a normal honorarium. I see no line forming. However, if there ever is an occasion for my being there, I do want to accept your invitation.

After I read your filing system, I'll, probably write again.

Many thanks,

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Dear Harold,

I have been busy making out a will, something I never bothered to do, feeling a very young 47 yrs. old. All of my grandparents on both sides lived to be well over 80, and my great-grandmother and grandmother were in the 94 and over bracket. However, just to be on the safe side, I am taking the precautions of setting aside certain properties I own to be divided and directed among our five children and friends.

A large room, called the "Think tank" by my pals, must be identical to your research center, wherever that is located. I have at least 80 spiral notebooks, probably 90 by now, of assassination articles and blippings since Nov. 22, 1963, all taped and filed in chronological order. There is the long rows of books, which includes just about everything listed on the various bibliographies by Fensterwald and the San Diego Committee.

I also have about 150 spiral notebooks of research for the books I am writing. My work has always been cross-filed in 3 hole notebooks, with thousands of dividers.... It is easier to keep them this way than in envelopes or other methods for me.

Now, Enclosed, is a list of my personal cross filing system. Each number represents a single notebook. This system, as you see, is huge. What I want to do, is to set up in my will that if anything happened to me, accident, illness, death, that you would inherit my entire Kennedy research.

As you can imagine, my two sons are not interested in the work...to go into it in depth as you and I have done. I have one daughter who would like to do the work, but feels not able to comprehend

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the intricacies. She is only 15 yrs old now. I do think these things should be in your possession, if you are interested in having them some day.

If and when you get to the West Coast, and if you are interested, I would like to show you the book and explain exactly how to find the information listed. Some is self explanatory. Other titles, once explained, will immediately clear.

Or, if you wanted, you could call me some day and we could go over the listings.....to clarify a few points.

I see Penn Jones throws in a few "COINCIDENCES" in his book. I keep a record of every "COINCIDENCE" and file it in one section of a book. There are enough to write a book on just that subject.

Decides how filing books work ->

Book 1, "Background"

In In this notebook are contained every reference, testimony, document, conversation pertaining to all persons who saw Oswald or Marina that are available...in Soviet Union, Ft. Worth, Dallas, New Orleans. It has their nationality, occupations, and every mention of them by themselves, others, exhibits, documents, etc. It was after completing my research, how obvious it was that Lee and Marina NEVER MET, KNEW, SPENT TIME WITH ANY PERSON WHO WAS NOT A PROFESSIONAL, engineers, medical students, doctors, oil engineers, etc. You get the picture. But, here in one notebook, separated, is the background of every witness called as well as those not called like Mr. Meller, Mrs. Clark, etc.etc.

The list should not be confusing to you. my filing system began because of the way the testimony and questions were reading. People who NEVER MET LEE OSWALD KNEW ALL ABOUT HIS POLITICAL

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philosophy. Where were they getting it? Mamantov, Gavitus, others? They never saw him, spoke with him, but were quick to smear him. Therefore, in another category, I entered every conversation, document on "HOW MANY TIMES SAW Oswald", book 2, 5 and cross cross filed in "HOW MET", books 2 and 3. By breaking down all these categories to the absolute enth degree, you get the espionage structure of the CIA operation.

Bouhe, under oath, said he "MET LEE AND MARINA AT A PARTY AT GREGORY'S" ..that he went with Mrs. Meller.

Bouhe, in FBD documents, interviewed ^{ed} the week of the assassination, said he "MET LEE OSWALD THROUGH HIS WIFE, MARINA." "I WENT TO THEIR APARTMENT AND KNEW MARINA FIRST".

Even though this gets complicated, it did not frighten me, and I separated the mess. IF HE KNEW MARINA FIRST, WAS MEETING WITH HER ALONE, LIKE GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT WAS DOING TOO, it made all the difference in the world. There was a going thing between all of them BEFORE LEE entered the picture, doing his special assignment.

So while I have all this documented in "HOW MET" book 2A and 2B, I also cross filed it into books # (Marina alone) and book 5) Lee alone. I wanted to keep tract of how many times they even admitted or were caught meeting her alone, not to speak of the times we will never know when Lee was in Dallas, and she was in Ft. Worth, or when Lee was in New Orleans and Mexico - See De York, Glover, Marina alone.

Well, enough of this.

If you are interested in all of this, and want to accept it some day if anything happens to me, it is yours....and hopefully, we can spend a day going over the material to understand what is there.

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regards
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would like to discuss
Pub - Hunt - Dallas
area -
just finishing
cross fill of that area
3 books