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Brown?
Dear Jim,

It had been so long, I'd thought you'd forgotten. Your letter of the 21st is a pleasant surprise. I wish I thought it likely I'd be able to accept your kind invitation in the near future. I will be happy to, if the opportunity provides itself.

There are several things that are of particular interest. I write to see if you can amplify them. Or, perhaps, correct them.

Where you say he was aware that some of the leaflets had the Newman Bldg. address, you say, "Yeah, and Sergio and them were right down the hall". Are you reasonably certain this is precisely what he said? If it is, it does present a few problems I'd rather not share with you now, in order not to color anything, to avoid "feedback".

If Ronnie had so little contact with Oswald, what is the basis of his opinions, "I don't think he knew who he was really working for." and "Hex was a very confused young man". Oswald comes in off the street, a total stranger, applies for a job, and Ronnie knows all these things from a single, brief interview? And of all the advertising and p.r. agencies, the only one to which Oswald applies for a job is Ronnie's? I find myself wondering if someone put him up to it? I am not suggesting anything against Ronnie (we have mutual friends who think highly of him), but, while wondering why LHO went there, I also wonder how Ronnie came by such knowledge, unless LHO was there more than once or others told him. Which leads to something else. Not doubting his estimate of 100 hours of questioning, what in the hell can consume so much time with a man who has no knowledge? If we could learn what the FBI seemed to be interested in, it might tell us more about what is suppressed. And could they have used some of this time planting ideas, perhaps so subtly Ronnie didn't detect it?

If you know the names of the agents who questioned him, I'll try and get copies of the reports. If I do, I'll send copies. He should have them for his own protection, for who knows what lurks in the future? Some are unfaithful.

Aside from these things, when you get talking to him again, see if he knows anything about Ferrie and his friends (like Martens) who were also with Arcacha and if he remembers any FBI agents attending Frente meetings.

I would, indeed, be interested in your recent research. Can you indicate the subjects? The contents would take much too long, and I've little time for correspondence right now and for the immediate future.

It has been a long time since I've heard anything from anyone in the Garrison office. I do not even know if they are still active.

One other thing wasn't clear. Was it Garrison's men or the FBI who questioned him extensively about Arcacha? That Garrison would, I'd assume. And by the way, I agree with him that Arcacha did not send Oswald to him.

Sincerely,