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Dear Al.

I appreciate your offer but experience tells me that it will mean more trouble than we want at this datge of our lives. I'll retunf to this.

If you see the Epstein Atlantic piece I'd appreciate a copy. The researcher was in touch with me but asked me about what did not interest ms in N.O. or I'd forgotten.

We had an enormous amount of extra correspondence when both Oswald in New Orleans and Frame -Up appeared. David &Gallen, who would have published through Carroll & Graf, proposed reprinting Wgitewash. I turned that and a decent advance down based on this prior experience. I did agree to a condensation of all my books and that has already begun to create problems. I've had three phone calls about it and several letters from inside the US and letters from France and Sweden to respond to.

Tom Davis apparently has it in his list for several months from now.

It has given the impression that it is the reprint and also means explanation, many more when in distribution,

I have not even taken the time to make the master up for xeroxing on both sides, which would reduce the size and the cost or mailing, xxbecause other things mean more to me now.

Powr Harry, who is sick again, is ak taking some time. He is "investigating" me he says to protect himself from one or both of the conspiracies he imagines, one to kill JFK and the other to ruin him."

He is getting garbled accounts of the little I've said to few others and has been pretty nasty about that. So if there is occasion, please do not mention even this slight mention of what he is up to, far from all or the worst. Or to Rick or to anyone from whom it can get back to that tragically sick mind.

If you hear anything I am interested, of course.

He has said repeatedly that he is working with the FBI, that it is helping him. $^{\rm H}$ e beast about it.

I fear for him when he can no longer awoid recognizing that he is deep in still another futility. I fear he'll really come apart then.

Meanwhile. Groden has filed suit against him. I do not know the details. Again thanks and the best wishes fpr the holiday and the new year,

sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

Like you, I was curious about Epstein's "New Yorker" piece. My first comment was "why now?" I understand that he has another piece coming up in the "Atlantic" magazine.

In answer to your question, I did bring up with Lil the idea of offering you an alternative for bringing "Oswald in New Orleans" back into print, but I didn't go into it in depth. Let me explain an option and then let you consider it.

I would like to re-publish "Oswald in New Orleans" with updated material through a small company I own called Books Unlimited. I have kept Books Unlimited low-key until now, as I have primarily served as a printer for people who want to publish their own books. But in 1993 I will release a few books under the Books Unlimited imprint, and I know I could do a good job of marketing "Oswald in new Orleans."

From 1981-86 I worked for Ingram Industries, Inc., parent company of Ingram Book Company, the nation's largest book distributor, and from that experience I gained a good understanding of the retail book trade. That, coupled with my media background (as you may recall, I was a feature writer for the Baltimore *News American* from 1972-78) and my computer expertise (I have a fully-equipped desktop publishing shop) gives me a good blend of skills for promoting a great book such as "Oswald in New Orleans."

What I propose is to re-publish "Oswald in New Orleans" with a new cover (a new design, including a photo of Oswald), an index and fresh typesetting (both of which I will provide), and—with your cooperation—new comments preceding each chapter. The printing and redesign would cost you nothing if I publish the book. We would work out a good royalty rate, and I would concentrate on national sales, with special emphasis on getting this book into the book chains it deserves to be in. If you wish, you could continue to service your direct mail requests via a special rate you would get on books for that purpose, or you could send orders to me to fill. In any event, I believe that the sales volume that we could generate would make this a good deal for all concerned.

The year 1993 will be an important one for JFK-related books, and I know "Oswald in New Orleans" would generate good sales. What do you think?

Sincerely,

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