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RESULTS ENCLOSED.

Comments on your excellent Davison memo of 10/30: I don't think we have Kelley's MR of 12/9; it might be hard to find and I suspect it would not have anything of interest on Davison. (It might on other items, such as the Hosty entry.)... Oswald didn't write down the wrong address; someone misread the European 7 ("7") as a 9. Probably taken from a bad photocopy.... I don't find it surprising that the embassy doctor was military; I would assume that the total number of persons allowed is limited and that a military man who can handle the doctoring on the side would be more valuable than a civilian physician.... I find CD 337, p. 4 less exciting than confusing. There seems to have been no reason for the FBI to have been directed to Columbia; no connection between that school and Alexis. (That could be checked.) I would guess that whoever gave the FBI the address got the two brothers confused... 431 Riverside seems to be an innocent address. (married students housing).... This CD 337 business was not after Davison was interviewed; just his mother. There are possible innocent explanations - after he talked to the SS, he went to Columbia on business, or maybe to see his brother. He may have left his brother's address (obsolete by a few months) as where he could be reached, and the FBI tried to get him there. Still, Harding should have gone to him the first time around... Still on this page, Borg was wrong about both of Peter Davison's parents being in Atlanta, since Hal had died several years before Peter was at Columbia; he may also have been mistaken about Peter's assignment as Air Attaché in Bonn. In any case, I don't consider it significant that I couldn't find Peter in the State Dept. Foreign Service list.... I doubt that we can find Davison's 1963 address out here.

When you first suggested not mentioning this discovery to anyone, I decided to go along with your wishes. Before that, I had mentioned this to a couple of people, very incidentally and not indicating any special significance or interest on my part. I don't see what really can be done with this anyhow; Davison was certainly put on his guard by the FBI/SS interviews. If you are worried about leaks, I suggest that we do what little research can be done (check Columbia and U. Va. alumni records, Atlanta papers, etc) as quickly as possible - and I think that none of it can be done out here - and then decide what to do with it. If you and Wise cannot find the time to get together, could you call him and turn him on a little, and send me his address so that I can forward the material? The basic facts are clear and indisputable; what we must decide is whether to try to get anything from Davison directly, and how (when, if) to make this public.

I have gone through the NYT articles, but do not have (and probably do not need) copies. For the Atlanta papers, here are dates to check:
 April 26, 1958 (death of Dr. Hal Davison)
 December 12-16, 1962 (Penkovsky case broken in Soviet press)
 May 7, 1963 (trial starts in Moscow)
 November 22, 1963 (check Atlanta papers for a while afterwards, just in case.)
 In all cases, a few days leeway in either direction might be advisable.

Your letter of 10/30: (p. 2, par. 2) what withheld 12/5/63 lab report? Check my letter again.... On the S44 pamphlet, I can't tell from the law if we are entitled to handle the original. I wouldn't count on it. CD 87 tells "the whole story" only about the copies obtained by the N.O. police in August 1963. I had not considered their reaction significant, since they are usually pretty incompetent.