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Dear Jim,

Your bleak view is not without warrant, but we'll do something about the causes. Or Else!

I sent you a copy of W at KNEW, before I knew you were no longer there. If they do not have it for you, Harvey will have a few extra copies. That is fastest. If he needs them, borrow one to read and I'll mail you one to keep.

There was a breakdown in the bindery which had more work than it could handle before the breakdown, so the books are all late. By the time you get this Rayner, my wholesaler in Monrovia, would have his copies. They have behaved decently, sent a special mailing to all their customers of the flyer I had made up. I probably will not sell to American News again, not having been paid. I have \$30,000 coming to me from such accounts and just borrowed \$29,000 to put on a house of which we took possession today. The house will also be our "publishing house". It has the spade.

You are right, of course, about the cattering service. I had forgotten it. He certainly didn't carry his lunch that day.

You are right about Whaley and the streets. I thin he corrected it later, when nudged. I used it, saying he said he took Oswald to the intersection of two streets that do not intersect.

Hal has a copy of my CBS letter. They turned my request down.

By the end of the week, I'll have ample books. Let me know if yours hasn't arrived. I mail it and Dolan's tied together, in separate envelopes, each addressed.

I suppose I should go to New Orleans again, but I'm waiting and working until Jim asks me specifically. I think I can now do him more good by getting my own work done. But I think he'll make out if the case is not dismissed for out-of-court comment.

By all means, call me when you can. The hour makes little difference, if I'm home. If I get four hours, I'm okay, but I'm aiming for 5-6 now. Too tired, physically, too old-feeling. And I'll be happy to tee off on the AP, too, documenting misquotation and lying.

I intend to stay here as much as I can to arrange for repairs to the new home, continue work, and try and promote the new book. I cannot do what I did last time, turn the book loose and go to Calif. to salvage Lane when I had no books there to sell. There is a change in the situation, and everything now needs promotion, for people who are interested and bought a book think they have everything.

My next book will probably have to be broken into 2. I have a 300-page appendix without quite completing it. Otherwise I'll have to charge more. I can take a single subject out of it, as I did with the pix. Regards to everyone, and good luck on connecting.

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Hi Hal:

(Check the date, above) Ironic that I'm writing you on this day, sitting about three feet from my living-room window where I have a 2' x 3' flag hung upside down. You know what that means. I am now firmly and finally convinced that this country is in distress!

After seeing a groovy young President shot to death in the street, and a "whitewash" of the circumstances surrounding the murder.....and, after seeing a civil war in Southeast Asia escalated into an American adventure despised by rational, humane people (but pursued with an angry zeal by the militarists!).....and, after seeing the corruption in our own government (with Dodd slapped on the wrist and Powell tossed out on his ass!).....and, the heavyweight champion of the world put down by a group of doddering old fools who make their living by exploiting fighters (MAN, HE'S STILL THE CHAMP!!!).....and, our own "accidental" President embarrassing us publicly every day by his Texas cowboy manners and methods.....and, the poor and the minorities further cheated of any help so we can finance a \$26-billion-a-year "defoliation" of Vietnam.....and, racism and reactionaries and militarists and Las Vegas style gangsters and businessmen all teaming up to destroy us..... ..after all this.....I feel justified in hanging my flag up upside down.

Now, to the point. I saw Harv on Sunday, and he showed me a copy of a brand-new book about the assassination and the subsequent cover-up. It had a photo on the back of a grumpy-looking old poop named Wise-guy, or Wise-man, or something. (You have your own BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB, don't you?)

I've been pulling together a reply to CBS-TV. They did such a rotten job, I am ashamed! But, rather than try to answer every one of their distortions, omissions, and errors, I am zeroing in on JUST ONE. Cronkite asked the question: DID LEE HARVEY OSWALD TAKE A RIFLE INTO THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING? Then he answered: YES. So, I decided to hammer away on that one. I just finished going through the Linnie Mae Randle and Buell Wesley Frazier testimony, and I'm about to take up Mr. Dougherty's. I'm transcribing the relevant portions, and I'll write a brief statement to the effect that (1) there is evidence that he did NOT take it in, and (2) at best, there is NO evidence that he did.

I don't expect any coherent reply, but I'll send you a copy of my attack, and if CBS does answer, I'll let you know.

Incidentally, in my reading of Frazier's testimony, I found a bit that may be interesting to you. Volume II, page 228, line 12: Wesley Frazier says, "I ASSUMED HE WAS GOING TO BUY (his lunch), YOU KNOW, FROM THAT CATERING SERVICE MAN LIKE A LOT OF THE BOYS DO..." Did Lee Oswald buy his lunch that day, and eat it in the lunchroom between 12 and 1? Did the FBI question the "catering service man" to see if he did or didn't?

It was just a passing question.

I also got a copy of a map of Dallas (the same kind used to pinpoint Whaley's drive with LHO) and I measured out the trip exactly as they took it. I came up 4/10 of a mile shorter than Whaley. (Probably not important!) But I also found that Whaley said he dropped LHO at the corner of Beckley and Neches (II, p. 258) - now, the map is hard to figure out, but if my eyes serve me well, Beckeley and Neches DON'T INTERSECT! (If true, it's odd coming from a man who says, "You name an intersection in the city of Dallas and I will tell you what is on all four corners" (II, 259), and who repeatedly boasts of the length of time he'd been driving!) Does Beckley intersect Neches?

Hal V. and I are getting together soon to chat about it all.

I hope to Christ Jim Garrison can pull it off, but it's looking bad. As a mattaerafact, people are starting to look at me funny because I insist, "Garrison's on to something!" I hope he can do it.

Hi, to Lillian! and when you have some time (IF you get some time) drop me a note and I'm looking for the newest books by Wise-guy or Wise-man, or was it Weisberg?

Don't give up the ship!



Jim
Eason

PS I'm currently un-employed, but I did five weeks at KNEW just before Dolan's show every day, and last Saturday I did a three-hour shot on KGO, and Saturday night the 15th, I'll be on KCBS for four hours. (I may place a call to you if this all comes up, but don't cancel anything for it, cause I may not. If I do call it'll be between 7 and 11 pm OUR TIME, I guess that's between 10 and 2 ^{to} thereabouts, your time, so I'll call early in the show, IF I call.)

PPS And, thanks for sticking to it, scavenger!