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Dear Barry,

Many thanks for your effort on Father Mecham. Please keep in touch and let me know when he returns. Also, keep trying to get his address so I can write him. Did you find out if he is still a priest, or anything else at all?

We have been onto the Youngblood stuff for a while. One thing we lack that perhaps you can take over is the initial publisher's promotional material. This would be for the original hardback publication. All the releases, which always give personal stuff, particularly the pictures. We have been in touch with the very frightened Nancy who says she will look at a picture and yea or nay.

Decker lied to you, as might have been expected. Sorry you could not be briefed adequately, for all of his files are NOT in the 26. None of the pictures, which interested me most.

The rest seems to duplicate. The Shew-Bertran stuff broke in N.O. but I'd be curious about the Dallas coverage.

On other work, to avoid duplication, why not keep in touch with Gary, who is now home and returns to school and a new address next month?

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Harold,

Hi! Whats new? I just got back from Dallas and thought I'd drop you a note and let you know what went on:

1. I called Rev. Walter Machann's parents at WH 61914. Rev. Machann has been in Europe for the past year, address unknown. But they told me to check with them in about 1 or 2 months and they may have had a contact with him by then. The address and telephone number is correct for his parents.

2. The "Youngblood" that is referred to in the testimony of Nancy Rich is perhaps a man by the name of Jack Youngblood who was a CIA agent and lives in Arkansas. Have you read the book, "The Devil To Pay," by Robin Moore?? This author writes about such a man.

3. I had a real good conversation with Roger D. Craig at which time he told me all about Harry Weatherford. I had heard about him before but not in as much detail as Roger told me. I also had a 5 minute talk with Bill Cody, or whatever his first name is who drives the Dallas to Shreveport, La. run on Continental Trailways. I asked him why his name was in Oswalds notebook. He told me it may be because he had a plot of ground for real estate out near where Oswald lived in Oak Cliff and Oswald may have written his name down. He told me he doesn't know either Ruby or Oswald other than seeing their pictures on TV at that time. He stated he was working in his building in Oak Cliff at the time of the assassination. I was going to ask him who he flew to Shreveport on the day of the assassination, but he stated he doesn't fly a plane. He says he doesn't know anything about the assassination, he had been visited a lot about it, and that if he did know anything about it, the FBI would have picked it up!!!

4. I waited for about 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get in to see Sheriff Decker about his files. He told me he didn't have them, that they were all published in the 26 volumes.

Did you hear where they proved that Clay Shaw is Clay Bertrand? You probably have. They had an article in the "Dallas Times Herald" on July 31 stating this. I was surprised to see it in that paper since Decker runs the Times Herald.

One thing I would like to ask you. Could you suggest a specific area which I could concentrate my research on? You know. Maybe there is something or some area which you or anyone else doesn't have the time to go into. Any suggestions or ideas????

Well, I hope I have given you some good information. Write as soon as you can if you have time. Take care.

Bobby