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Dear Barry,

Gary was here for a few days over the holidays. He told me you have gotten the material I have asked you to get from the publishers about Youngblood. In this event, I need it urgently, for I'll have to do what I must with it before leaving for New Orleans and the trial, which may be soon. So, will you please send it to me as soon as you can?

Right now, for the kind of reason one can never anticipate, that particular article may be more important than it was when I asked this of you.

If Gary's information is wrong, would you please let me know promptly?

Have you decided whether to undertake any research projects at the Archives? If you have, please let me know.

Hope you had a nice holiday and that your assignment is congenial. Have a good year!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

1/29/69

Dear Barry,

Many thanks for the 1 laughled pictures.

Unfortunately, the delay was crucial. Both of the reporters I had working on this have left the Boston area, permanently. However, I have another contact there through whom I will improvise. The first copy reached me in N.O. I asked the reporter, then about to leave, to speak to her. If he did I'll hear as soon as he gets settled in Chicago, where he has moved.

I am having a couple of prints made without the legend, so that he will not be identified in the caption, to see where he may have been known and when I can make the arrangements.

Too bad it took so long, but it is still valuable. I'll let you know when I have a chance to develop anything. Very busy on other and deadline work.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Herold Weisberg

3/10/69

Dear Barry,

C Gary has told me of your project of checking the typescripts. It can be productive. Those I have checked have been. These include Thornley, Bringuier, Herace and Blalock. Gary has also asked me to send you the enclosed, which you may keep. You will note that in the KP file there is the memo indicating some of Hoover's testimony was edited out. When I asked the Archives for this, they sent me the page before and the page after, but not that page. Incidentally, the memo gives the wrong page, for the one edited out, according to it is attached. It is the next page that is missing. I am interested in what, if anything, that should have been off the record Hoover slipped up and said. I don't think it is the kind of thing that can be withheld, for he was careful. When I asked for this transcript last time I was there, Johnson was not in and Simmons could not find it. Instead of asking for the page, get the whole thing and find the page yourself.

O Among the other testimony that most interests me is that of the autopsy doctors, especially Humes; Kellerman and Greer about the autopsy; the Dallas doctors, especially Perry; and New Orleans, especially Andrews, Pens(s), Rodriguez; O'Sullivan (please get me what was removed toward the end) and Voebel.

P This project may not seem as simple as it appears, for what may at first glance seem to be but an editorial change may, in fact, be substantive. I have found perjury protected by such devices.

Y If there is any doubt in your mind, I think it best either to get a copy of whatever page or pages are involved. Making notes takes more time than the cost of the copy, which we can then circulate and various of us can estimate the significance, if any. But please keep close records, of what you order, what you get, and what you send to whom. Whatever you send me I will automatically copy and send to Gary and Hock and his crew.

It would also be desirable for each of us, when you have done as much of this as you intend or can, to have a list of what you have checked. If you send it to Gary, he'll let the others of us know. Also, whatever you send me, put your name on the back, in light, preferably pencilled writing, for if I use it in a book I would want to give you credit, unless you prefer otherwise.

We are now in a difficult period. Several of us have exercised very poor judgement, and some, without evil motive but quite erroneously, are recriminating. You can depend on Gary for solid evaluations, if such things come to your attention and trouble you. Some, also, are inclined to shoot from the hip. This addresses their personalities and judgement more than their integrity, and I suggest tolerance and an effort at understanding. We will survive it, but it will be easier if those not directly involved do not become part of it.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg

April 26, 1969

Dear Harold,

Just a quick note to inform you to send all mail to my home address from now on. I'm thinking of moving out of the apartment. (Money matters!) By the way, I'm not sure when I'll be in Washington. But, I'll go as soon as I can, more later.

Greg

P.S. Did you know you're on Joe Payne tonight ???

March 14, 1969

Dear Harold,

I will be happy to check into Hoovers original testimony plus the other named testimony as soon as I get up to D.C. This will depend on whether or not I will work on my next duty night, which will be Monday. If so, I plan on coming up Tuesday, if I can make it.

In referance to my involvement in the Bentley thing, I feel that I am already involved on 2 points; (1) that being a "critic" I am thus open and interested in all aspects of the case; and (2) one of the main points of the Bentley thing is Youngblood, which I have done a lot of work into. From meeting and talking to both Penn and you, I naturally have complete faith in both of you. But I am at a loss as to really understand who is right and who is wrong. I wrote to Gary and asked him to send me some solid evidence which I could see with my own eyes. But he wrote back and said he had copies but was unable to send them to me. Why? What does he think I am, a CIA agent also or something? I think you can understand my point of view. Without seeing something solid to back up all this, I can't really rely on any one persons judgement. And now Gary says he wants no further dealings with Penn and he doesn't trust anything that Penn says. Isn't this an exaggerated "shooting from the hip" type of judgement????

By the way, what turned up on that Jack Youngblood picture which I sent you? Have you had any contact with Nancy Rich on it or anything new on it lately? As you can see, while you are saying that "Jack" might possibly be the real Youngblood, Penn is saying that

"Jack" is not the real Youngblood. So I don't know whether my work in this area is panning out or whether it was worth it after all. Any help????????

Sincerely,

Barry
Barry Ernest

P.S. I haven't forgotten about the books you sent me. I'm still trying to get them all sold for you!!!

3/17 - he was here last night & we discussed this