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Dear Roger,

Thanks for the LaFontaine Oswald card piece and related memos. Picked the mail up en route to "il's shopping and I read it sitting in the car and waiting on a cold and very windy day with a warm sun. Before long, with the warmth and from the leak of sleep I got drowsy. But I think I got the gist and I wrote while it is fresh in mind.

It is the card I told you I thought I recalled and it was not disclosed by the FBI 12/66 as the story ^{my} but was, as I told you, in the ex. order transfer of all that was considered by the Commission. Words of the e.d. and they should take care of Liebler's usual crap about not knowing.

Your note on the last page concludes, " ~~the~~ going only by Lifton." And Fontaine, who has a record of undependability and trying to make silk purses of sow's asses.

Shakespeare, I think, summed it up for us: Much ado about nothing.

You are not asking yourself the kind of questions the "ogger of a decade and a half ago would have asked. It boils now to little or nothing and is probably explained by the Army WWII expression, SNAFU, cleansed postwar into "situation normal - all fouled up."

Can you imagine the DoD hiring a "defector" and doing that under his correct name?

Can you imagine that if it did, he'd have any kind of sensitive assignment?

Can you imagine Priscilla Johnson McMillan living with Marina as she did and their use of PEs would not come out?

Whether LHO was entitled to the right kind of card + do not know but it is not hard to imagine that some clerk, on issuing a renewal, used the wrong card.

We do not know how it came to be issued. If we did we might find a basis for wondering whether it was given to him as part of some kind of set-up. I do not think so but maybe/

If you have the Red Alert on LHO as a card-carrying red I'd appreciate a copy.

The statement that the FBI did not take a picture is from ignorance. These people know nothing about the records, Lifton included, and make assumptions. I've got about 75,000 pages of Dallas and HQ bulkies overloaded with exhibits. I would be surprised if the card had not been photographed. It is only the original that is in bad shape. And the picture would be filed as a bulky. None in the general releases.

We don't even know if Oswald mailed it to the DoD, which returned it.

It see it is that maven Lifton who said the ^{picture} ~~thing~~ was not in the disclosed records. His 11/21. How could he know?

I do not see this as a link to LHO's govt employment. Not under his right name. And their life shows no indication of any money other than he earned or got from unemployment.

Martello listed the papers Oswald had on him. I do not remember this as one.

You are in touch with people who are strangers to me ~~in~~ and I wonder what or how

they know from other than the conspiracy-theory literature?

This is one I do not fault the media for ^{not} using. It is only an unproven suspicion as it left Fontaine and her records does not build confidences in her suspicions. Trying to do something with it, with what she published about her personal stone walls, would have required much time and effort, big costs. Thus was the story worth it. If any common-sense test was applied the answer would have been, assuming it got that far, that the indications are that the story would not pan out and thus was not worth the money or the time from other stories that could be productive.

I'm not saying this could not lead into something. I am saying that what we have does not by itself mean much, if anything, when the most likely explanation of it seems to be that it was some kind of administrated ^{ive} goof that led to his having it.

If anything substantial turns up, I am of course interested.

If anything turns up ^{from} the Dallas Dealey Plaza Irregulars and is substantial I'll be as pleased as I'll be surprised.

Most if not all seem to want to be Perry Masons.

While being more like Ferri Winkles.

Thanks, Glad to get it! best wishes,

Harry

1/ We do not have what the story and memos say we have.