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Dear Maggie,

I'm addressing you this time because I think I sent you the letters I wrote Ball and because I found something on what you've dug up. Copies of letters to the New York World Journal Tribune and Dick Sprague are enclosed, as are Ball's reply to me and my answer. I think Lillian may be interested in the Walper-DCA thing.

Today I found a memo that reveals the concern of the staff lawyers, which one I do not recall (I'm getting a Xerox of it) about how the police knew Oswald's Dallas address was 1026 Beckley! I think it was written in March. My Thermofax machine should be back by the time I get this and I'll send you a copy.

Ray sent me a copy of a Dallas AP story on Ruby from the LATimes, written by Bernard Gavzer of the AP. I didn't have this story. Now I can tell you that Gavzer is one of three men the AP had working on this as of Friday 5 p.m. when I met him in the Archives. I presume if the AP cannot support the government they will have no interest. One of the other two men is working on the 26 volumes. This mechanized approach is not one that encourages me to think they'll come up with anything worthwhile. But the more media people who look into any of the case the better, even though they'll likely not understand what they see.

The Yale Law Review piece, commissioned last Summer and on Mark Lane, will be favorable to us. It also calls for a new investigation. I'm not certain when it will be out.

Ball and Belin authored a 238-page report on the first five weeks of the Commission's functioning (classified) that, according to what Belin told Marcus Raskin, author of the YLR piece, did not begin with the assumption of Oswald's guilt, whatever that means. I shall be looking for this, if and when it is declassified.

Specter is taking a slow boat to Europe the 29, which gives him the excuse he wanted not to be in the New York TV studio with me the 30th and 31. He is apparently going there for a debate with Trevor Roper, Lane and somebody from Harvard to be on all-Europe TV. I learned this from a Phila radio station which ridiculed him for taking the boat, he says, so he can bone up on the 26 volumes.

I haven't seen the World Journal Tribune piece. It appeared yesterday. Sylvia may have told you of it. A friend in NY phoned me about it last night.

Do tell me how much I owe you for the scarf, and please insure it.

Best to you all.