

1/10/67

Dear Maggie,

I must have written Bill in to--great haste, for as my later letters will show, I both wanted and expected the scarf. He apparently forgot he was going to mail it before I got home. I intended telling him not to be concerned if he didn't get to mail it in time because, having had to go to Washington the day after my return, I was able to get her a beautiful book (Masada). Please also let me know the cost.

By all means, you do the 1026 bit. My interest in it was dual: to use it in public appearances and to make a record of it. If you do an article you will accomplish the latter and I can now do the former. Bearing on this, there is something I'm going to get for myself. I'm putting it off to delay the expenditure of money. My notes will show the file in which there are FBI pictures of the haul at 1026, taken by the FBI, and also having the wrong date, 11/23. Comparing this picture with the inventory I had with me and you saw (of which I can make a copy and send it to you) shows the inventory is a bit scanty.

That inventory is now somewhere between Chicago and here. A rather ill-mannered and self important official of the Chicago Board of Education barged in on the TV program on which I was a little late, something like an hour later, and started making demands about moving the visuals I had and my attache case (I finally had to get one when the brief case came apart), both of which I had been using. In order to prevent a scene I hurriedly gave everything to one of the technicians so Mr. Big could be adjusted and quiet war before the end of the break for commercials. When the technicians packed my stuff they left the file part out. Some of it isn't replaceable either. But the program staff found it and have mailed it.

If there is any checking up you'd like me to do on the 1026 thing, let me know for I'll probably be at the Archives at least once most of the weeks for the next month or so.

Not only did you have misgivings about Schiller, but Sylvia also did. As I told him in a different context, I'm easily fooled by people I want to help. He certainly fooled me. He was in Washington today, while I was on TV in Baltimore. I understand he barely mentioned me. On the other hand, as he may or may not know, I ripped him up pretty badly Friday night, also in Washington. I've not gotten the record yet. Sylvia sent me a long and valuable memo on that thing today. I hope it all has less importance than she thinks and that we do not attract more attention to it than it would otherwise get. But I would like to be as fully and promptly informed as possible, for there are places he may be where I may confront him. I'd then like to know as much as possible, aside from the subject matter.

My only concern about the Tomax show was my loss of temper. I knew I had his studio audience, as I believe Bill also felt.

Your description of Pyne on the WR: is it current? Has he been that way since I was there? He was not at all unkind on the radio show. Is it possible that his recent bit with Schiller will influence him? Please let me know if there is any reflection of it.

Thanks for the dope on Ball. If I get a chance to write him tonight or early in the a.m. before I leave for DC, I'll enclose a copy. Best to you all.

Saturday
7th Jan. 67.

La Quinta HOTEL—La Quinta, California

Dear Harold -

My husband and I are down here for the week-end & since he's a Dennis Buff (and I'm not), I thought I'd write these few lines to you while he's on the court.

On the 1026 address, I have my own panoply before me — the one entitled "Search and Seizure without a Search Warrant or an Address" — and this is the dilemma I've presented:

1. Sgt. Gerald Hill testifies that the ^{1st} ~~2nd~~ question put to LHO, in the police car, en route from the theatre to the station, was what his name was — and the 2nd question he was asked was where he lived. "... and he didn't answer it, either." (7/58). Hill goes on to say that 2 addresses were found in O.'s billfold — "one of them was Oak Cliff. The other one was in Irving.... it (the ID card-NEF) didn't have an address on Beckley that I recall hearing."
"Neither of these addresses was on 10th or on Beckley."
Then on p. 61, Belin asks "To the best of your knowledge when the suspect was brought into the police station, up to the time you left him with Capt. Fritz there, had anyone mentioned a Beckley St. address?"
And Hill's answer is, "No". — After reasonably inten-

Give questioning about how + when the Beckley address ^{2.}
turned up, - Hill finally says (on p. 62) "I didn't hear
anything on Beckley mentioned until probably 7 or 8
o'clock that night." Yet Moore Exh. # 1 shows
an inventory was made of items taken from LHO's
room at 1026 N. Beckley "on the afternoon of 11/22/63"
At 2:30 p.m. ^{11/22} (Vol. XXIV p. 286), Fritz sent Senkel, Potts
& Cunningham to No. Beckley to search the room but
the search warrant is dated 11/23 and from all
the information revealed about LHO from the time
he was apprehended until "later that day" (7P25)
no one had any way of knowing about the
Beckley address - Yet officers had been dispatch-
ed there at 2:30 P.M. despite the fact that LHO
couldn't have reached the station until 2:00 P.M. or
later. Additionally, Barlene Roberts in her affidavit
(7P439) stated that about 30 minutes after LHO left the
rooming house en route to the theatre - (which would
have been about 1:04 or 1:05) - 3 Dallas policemen
came to the rooming house looking for LHO. If this
timing is anywhere nearly correct, then the police were
looking for LHO before he was even apprehended!
(1:04 or 1:05 + 30 minutes = 1:34 or 1:35; Oswald wasn't
arrested until 1:52!) I intend to do an article based
on this sequence of events but if you wish to use
the information, you most certainly may.

La Quinta HOTEL—La Quinta, California

As for the scarf, Harold, the reason I've never sent it is that Bill indicated from one of your letters that you had decided on a book for your wife instead — so that I assumed you were no longer interested in presenting her with the scarf. If you still want me to send it, I will, however.

The Ruby circus was entirely in keeping with everything that has gone before. The same attempt to confuse every issue & news bulletin — the same phony cover-up. What is perhaps a new record for villainy & slime is the performance of Chiller & his henchman, Lewis. Remember I did warn you about him! He's a number 1 swine and they're not through with their corruption. I understand a filthy article called "The Scavengers" is to appear in the N.Y. papers soon in which all of us are dragged through the mire in particularly vicious fashion. I suspect they are operating at the request of the govt. to vilify the critics & researchers. You asked about Lomax. I watched & writhed at his viciousness toward you. I don't know much about what public reaction was except that I

did hear several phone calls on two-way radio shows which were very favorable to you & very derisive of Lomax. — but let's not fool ourselves, he was evil with you. I attended a Jos. Ball "major address" last week in which he lashed out at you, Epstein & Jane & kept referring to you as "the chicken farmer". Their defense is pretty meager when all they can do is indulge in name-calling.

I wish fervently that you were going to introduce Whitewash III somewhere other than on the Pyne show. He, too, is vicious and terribly biased & praises the WR while heaping ridicule & calumny on everyone who dares to question it. He isn't even civil to critics.

Delighted about the Philadelphia paperback sales! That's wonderful news, indeed. Hope they continue to soar.

Have much preparation before me as Ray & I are going to speak before a fairly large group of UCHA students next Thursday — so I'll close, Harold, with warm good wishes always,
Maggie.