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Dear Jim,

I have not yet had a chance to read the transcript of my interrogation of Loren Hall, which reached me only recently, but I have just finished reading yours of May 6. When I can I'll read mine, which is not entirely complete, for there were times when he asked me to turn the tape recorder off. My recollection of what he said in February may not be too clear, but there are some things not in your transcript I do recall. Also, yours is not complete. If there are additional notes, it might be a good idea if I were to read them. The references to "ally Yates in this transcript are so sketchy and I got from him suggestions so interesting I think it might be helpful were I to read what you got from Yates when he saw you. I have a notion he had certain objectives in mind in seeing you before you saw Hall

I have mislaid his address and would like to write him about a few of these things. Would you please send it to me?

Also, he phoned me before he went to N.O. to ask if I could be there. On that occasion he told me things not in your transcript. I have this on tape. These were things he had not earlier told me, either.

Beginning on page 15 he talks of a deal to kill Kennedy for \$50,000. It is my recollection he dated this to me as in September 1963. He did place it in Logue's office. He also gave me no names, saying only the thing did not come from Logue. In connection with this, he gave me things about his arrest and bail not in this transcript, and about Henry Wade and the deal made with him. I have given you a memo on this part.

Here some of the names, particularly the corporate names, remind me that I have been supposed to see the Castor's for some time. If there is or can be a list of names of some of these people on whom you'd like what information I can obtain, please send it and I'll ask them. They have always been very cooperative.

On 22 his references to Yates do not include these things he told me:

Yates is an oxygen technician and probably worked at Parkland when JFK was shot; that he could split an apple at \$500 a shot with a rifle; that he looked like Oswald; that he was wildly off the right.

John Pappas

Bottom of page 28: Aside from any personal relationships he may have with the LA County Sheriff, his stepson is a deputy there. By the week before May 6, when he told me he was going to N.O., the sheriff had already collected a considerable amount of information on Bradley. Among the things Hall told me he had that are not referred to in the transcript are a tape-recorded McAtyre speech referring to Bradley as the pilot who flew him some place. Hall also said that he had seen Bradley's pilot license and his license to fly helicopters.

Page 31: this is essentially the story I got from him on his visit to N.O. with Patrick. In the light of what I have learned since February it seems to me to be inadequate. I have a hunch Hall agrees that the camp was for the training of Castro assassins and plays that part a little too cool. We now know that at about this time Patrick flew over that area to the north of the lake, that he was in N.O. to locate a camp site, etc. I think Skip would have known these things, and that he also would have had they occurred on an earlier Patrick visit.

Page 36, his account of being in jail in Cuba with the mafia guy, is in considerably more detail in my transcript. Among other things, it reflects a special kind of influence with elements of the Castro government by the Mafia man.

Page 42, Joseph Moore. You have several memos from me on who this man is. I think it possible he can recognize him from what I have learned of Moore's character and identify. It is one of the things I want to correspond with him about, one of the reasons for asking his address.

Page 46: his account of the Dallas arrest is in more detail in my interrogation, which also has a considerable amount on his release, its conditions, how it was arranged, how surprised he was at it, etc. He and Howard agree that the reason given by the police for stopping them was that they could not see the license plate, and Hall told me also that he thought the police were laying for him and knew where the drugs were. However, Howard also said that the trailer was loaded in a dangerous way that in itself could have attracted attention. Hall told me these were not just hennies and drugs like that but included pain-killing drugs illegal in the US but necessary on raids where men had no doctors along. He told me this trip started at Wheat's house.

Page 49: His Bourke story was of a different date to me and in more detail. I wrote Bill Barry about some of it but he never responded. He placed the date at a time that coincides with Ferrie's presence in Guatemala, very early October. I believe he gave me the exact date. I know he told me the departure was covered by at least one TV station, and this is what I wrote Barry about.

I realize your transcript does not entirely cover what you got from Hall, but I thought these things, if not included, might be of interest.

There is no reference to what he may have brought with him. When I spoke to him he promised to take you his shoe-box of records and a copy of the tape recording he made for a record. If he did not give you these things, I suggest it would be interesting to see them. From what Corky told me of the contents of the shoe box, that in particular, and an address or memo book he has, in which Corky did see the name Odio and Magellan Circle, from what he told me.

I do not know what Hal told you of his failures in selling his story. I told him that without the values we could add, he would be unable to do anything but if we saw all the records, with the other things we know, we might be able to help him. I said that I personally would try once we knew this added information. If he did not give you these things, and if you do not want to go further with it, please let me take this up where I left it off in Feb.

When Howard turned his papers over to me I turned them over to Steve Burton for Xeroxing, in Howard's presence, so he could remove certain names. I was to have gotten a set of the Xeroxes but haven't. I think it might be a good idea if I were to examine them, if you can send me a set. I have a few Brigade sources with whom I can check some of it,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg