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Dear Theresa Garnett,

I love your spirit and your drive. Your husband and kids are lucky!

But I can't take time for an article. Feel free to use anything I have done.

Like excerpts from the executive session transcripts.

I ache to be able to get back to my own writing.

But I'm still up betimes to work over the records I'm obtaining in court or through it. This morning 4:30. Went to 11 last night. I've past 63, with or without the thrombitic condition and its remains. So I do hope you can see it is not that I do not want to. it is just that I really must have other priorities.

I used to make speeches without asking an honorarium. No more. When I get an honorarium it goes into a special account on which I do not draw checks. My lawyer does, to pay the government's charges on the records I get.

Two weeks ago one to the CIA was for \$500. It is running \$75 a week to the FBI alone now.

It is not that I do not want to inform people. It is that I do want to do what I set out to do and that comes first. If it were not for this I'd not make speeches and would do without what I could with the fees. Very few at that today.

I can understand your frustration but I really can't relieve it. Just do not give in to it.

Please also understand that these court suits not only produce records, they take much time but they are also a backup for a finking House investigation.

Unless you can use some of their visuals stay away from those you have mentioned. Well, I do not know what the CCI sent you but there is nobody less dependable than Lane. Stick to my work and the Meagher and Roffman books. They are solid. You will not mislead people if you draw on them. Feel free, if you'd like, to make slides from any of my pictures and facsimiles. An offset camera can double the size in each direction while eliminating the photoengraving screen. For small audiences this is better than slides. I used to do it all the time, mounting the pix on a staff backing.

Thanks for your good wishes. To you and yours a happy holiday season and better years ahead.

You raise beautiful animals!

Sincerely,

Tuesday

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thanks so much for answering. I would not want to walk in your shoes; my own are frustrating enough! You are in a very bad situation as far as public relations go. You're right - your work should come first. The only trouble is (from my point of view) that there is nowhere to go for the answers that one needs to pursue the truth. I recieved some helpful stuff from the CCI, feel that the AIB does not know enough to answer more than novice questions, and wrote to the Comm. to Investigate Assassinations. Never received anything and my call was not answered. I want to know the facts - I don't want to go off half cocked and spread false information. You know all the crank stuff that has been written. All the crap has to be thrown out and the facts kept.

Damn, I wish I could help! That does you no good, I know. I feel that your work has been invaluable in this matter. Aren't there people who live in your area who are interested enough in this case to work with you and really help out? I would think that there would be many people in your area who would love the chance to work with you in some way and to help you. Maybe their energy needs to be directed.

The press and the media are worse than useless in my opinion. I can't believe all these people are just ignorant of the facts. Too much has been revealed and is available to them if they will but look for it. They still print only the garbage and only such statements as Lattimer's. I look eagerly for any news on the matter and I have not seen or heard of any press conferences by you. Think freedom of the press is a colossal myth these days. Everyone (almost) wants simple solutions to the most complex problems. The investigative work only seems to go so far - as far as the people in control let it. Funny how the police and FBI know all the Mafia's name and what region they control, etc, but they never arrest them and get them to jail. A kid who smokes a joint winds up with a prison term. It all depends on who has the power and now we are in very sad shape. Congress was the last hope as far as the JFK case went. If they are as you say, then only more garbage will be forthcoming. I know I could conduct more of an investigation than what they are doing. I really don't see what the big problem is, but apparently they are incapable of doing it.

I belong to Mensa as I mentioned to you, and gave a talk with slides and the Zapruder film before a small group of Mensans. The editor of the state newsletter also attended the meeting before the League of Women Voters. I told her I had heard from you and she suggested that I ask you if you would like to write an article, up to perhaps three typewritten pages, for inclusion into the state newsletter, Mains'l, which is also circulated around the country to an extent. The national Mensa Bulletin picks up on local newsletter items, and she feels there would be a good chance of getting it in that also. That would have a circulation of upwards of 22,000, so that ain't bad! I told her you didn't have much hope for results from the HSCorA and she thought maybe you'd like to write about your view of the Committee or what you expect. Whatever you'd like (I'd like to see some of the evidence in it as it would get around and show that there are logical, factual reasons for pursuing this, but that's my opinion!). You can say what you like and as you like. So, maybe I can be of help after all! When I started this letter I was going to tell you that I certainly did not expect an answer back, but now that this has come up, I'd like to know if you'll consider it. Enclosed is a SASE and a couple of extra stamps.

On January 28, I'll be giving another talk in Oakland, Me. for a small number of interested people. After one of my letters appeared in the paper I got a letter from a woman there who also has been extremely interested. She wanted to know my sources, and we have corresponded regularly since. She is setting the thing up and the previously mentioned editor expects to go with me. So hopefully a few more people will know some of the details the press never mentions. I hate to even ask this, and if you do not want to take the time to answer I will understand - but where you were asked about the article and will answer that (I assume), heck, I'll try - is there anything new to report? Spectrographic data still locked up and unanalyzed? Any new classified stuff out? There is no news on this and you are the only one I CAN ask. Sorry.

Like I said before, any new book you get published, please send!

Take care, Mr. Weisberg, and I certainly hope you are well and I wish you and your family the happiest holidays ever! Peace, love, health, and happiness to you and yours!

Sincerely
Heusa Bennett