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Mrs. Fred A. Hatfield
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Dear Mrs. Hatfield:

How I wish you had listened to your husband and typed your letter for, legible as is your handwriting compared to mine, there is some that I can't make out and I don't have the time to puzzle over it. I hope you will understand this because I am still working in the field with a third book in manuscript and two others in the works. I have been to New Orleans, I am full of respect for those people and have no doubt about the seriousness of their intent. I will return to this.

With respect to your question about Governor Connally, it is a reasonable interpretation but I think without essential significance. When you read WHITEWASH II, you will know that I say the FBI and Secret Service covered up; and when you read the book not yet available, CIA WHITEWASH: OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, you will understand that I believe the CIA was involved.

While I am honored that so many people take the time to share their thoughts with me, lengthy answers are beyond my capacity, and I think for the most part my readers and correspondents would prefer that I concentrate on work.

However, you may be in the position to make your own and an important contribution to the ultimate unraveling of truth because of the indirect connection with Novel. It is for this reason that I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to Mr. Garrison on a confidential basis because I think you might know or be able to learn for him information that could be of value. As you are probably aware, Ohio's authorities are interposing frivolous objections to Novel's extradition.

If Mr. Garrison thinks you can be of value to him, he will write you directly, and you may then reach your own decision. Please accept my assurance that you can trust him implicitly and my additional assurance that of those of us anxious to establish the truth he is in the best immediate position to do it. You therefore may have an opportunity to serve a constructive end and to assume your share of the responsibility we all bear in preserving our society and its institutions.

You say you are afraid and I can understand that. I suggest to you, however, that the worst fear is of fear itself. And I further suggest to you that you will not be comfortable knowing you might have helped and did not. That, I think, you would find difficult to live with.

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I suggest you talk this over with your husband in the event Mr. Garrison or one of his assistants, all of whom share his dedication, writes to you and solicits your help. Until then, I would encourage you to learn all that you can of what Mr. Novel is up to and save what appears in the local papers because it may not appear elsewhere. If you do not hear from Mr. Garrison, I would very much welcome this information myself.

I am enclosing copy of My letter to Mr. Garrison.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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