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Mr. Jim Garrison
District Attorney
New Orleans, La.

Dear Jim,

A week ago you asked if I could come down in about two weeks. I'd rather make it a little later when I can do a few other essentials and bring with me copies of PHOTOCRAPHIC WHITEWASH: SUPPRESSED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION FIGURES. I'll have this done soon and I think it will interest you.

I have also agreed to a radio debate with a link of your acquaintance and trust any time beginning June 26. I do not expect him to accept. However, I want to give him and the station enough time so that the record will be clear and straight.

From this I would suggest, if it meets with your approval and coincides with your own plans, that I come down any time after July 4 that you'd like for a short visit, come back and finish up what I'll probably retitile but tentatively call WHITEWASH III: SUPPRESSION AND THE ONCE-SECRET DOCUMENTS, and then go back with this and spend as much time as you need. I think this book can be quite important to you.

When I have this book done, there will remain but one in the WHITEWASH series (which I think of as a single very large book), and that is MANCHESTER MACHIAVELLI: THE UNINTENDED UNOFFICIAL WHITEWASH. I have that a third written. It will serve other purposes, and help put many things in perspective. They as I hope a somewhat slower pace, I very much want to do what I know interests you, A TIGER TO RIDE. I would like to have this done before your main cases go to trial.

Once I have completed WHITEWASH III, I will be in a better position to tackle some of the people who need some attention. In every case I have laid a foundation and issued challenges. I think a public dialogue will be helpful all around, and I intend to do what I can to bring it about. I think I can set a lot of records straight as perhaps others cannot not, and I intend to.

I was the main speaker at the Ohio AP News Directors' annual convention Saturday night. There is much interest there in you and your case, and in Novel. It seems from my talks with several news directors, including one from Columbus, that the sodium pentathol "testing" of Novel has been effective. It has influenced their thinking. I asked merely if a man not sane would not seem to believe what he said in such a setup. One thing that may or not be true or of value that I heard repeated, as though it impressed this man, is that Novel wants you to think he is CIA.

Please tell Lynn (there was no return address) I immediately forwarded the Stroud tape. I'm meeting Dick Billings in Washington the end of this week. The Castorrs have agreed to be reinterviewed. He will have pictures to show them. They have agreed to my taping it. He is now

getting more interested in Hall and the others. When last I wrote you I had included an extra note asking for copies of these pictures to show them. Dick phoned before mail time so I removed it. I think they (the Castorrs) can be helpful and I think they will. I think they do not know it but have a leftist angle, part of which I have mentioned briefly to Dick. They are of the radical right, but not typical of it. The Colonel was G-2 to Wingard or Stilwell and is still his strong defender. He understands as the self-proclaimed liberals and the right-wingers do not just how what came to pass in China did. He still defends Stilwell against his radical-right conferees. He knew Dean Rusk there.

As I indicated to you, Mrs. C knows some of a strange story involving Sylvia Odio, Mrs. Connell and Father Machann. After Dick and I see the Castorrs, I intend suggesting to him and to you that we see Machann, who I believe is now near you.

Part of their story involves the Bringuier group, DRE.

Dick is not bringing the entire TV broadcast from White Rock park, just a still or two. I hope to be able to arrange for the Castorrs, especially her, to see all of it, if necessary frame by frame. She knows these people much better than he and many more of them. She also saw the original telecast. I think it is possible she may recognize people not central in the pictures who might be important.

My agreement with the Castorrs is that there will not be any public use of any information they provide without their prior approval. I offered this without their asking because I am confident it is essential to their cooperation. Once we know what they know that is of value, I am also confident they will agree to its use. If Dick doesn't let you know what the results are, I will.

After my return, I wrote Lynn a special letter. I would very much like to know if it told him what he wanted to know.

If I have not sent you a copy of the Attorney General's third foot going into his mouth, which I intended, let me know and I will. To me, this is an additional sign of desperation. Your people did not want to go see Betty Parent with me when I was down there. Pershing Gervais has a very low opinion of her. I now would like to recommend that you reconsider this. I sent you a copy of this report before I was down there. If you'd rather not do this, I can when I am there again, perhaps with Hoke, or with him and Ross and Sam.

Please ask Hoke to phone me when he has a chance. I have arranged for a good literary agent for him and I have gone further: I have made a tentative deal for a book that he, with or without his associates, might want to consider doing about you.

My present, predictable, away-from-home schedule will have me in the immediate area but probably in Washington during the day time the end of this week, one day early next week, and out of town June 22-5.

Best regards,