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Dear Jim,

As soon as I know when Parallax (Canyon) will have copies of the book available, I'll make arrangements to leave. I'd like to give them a couple of weeks to get copies in distributive channels. Previous reports were optimistic. The current one is that they'll have copies possibly by the end of next week. I'd like to make my first stop New Orleans, stay there for several days, go off to Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles and, if I can do you any good, return to New Orleans. I will let you know as soon as I can make plans.

I am working in some rich, new material but unfortunately can spare but minutes for it. I will soon be sending you copies of another report on the CIA picture. I also have a staff memo of 5/7 indicating awareness of the possible involvement of Minutemen and similar groups. And, as I recall, a few other things you may find interest.

As you may recall, I have an informal network of friends, associates, buffs, housewives and strangers working on various things. I have some west coast people working on what may be of help to you on Cubans and CIA. Enclosed is something one of them has sent me on INCA and some people you know. I can get the original of this if it interests you. I expect to have it soon, by mail, and if it comes, I'll copy and send in case you do not have it.

~~xxxxxx~~ Also enclosed are parts of a letter from Hal Verb, who has been doing fine work. I've eliminated personal stuff. He teaches a course at San Francisco State, on the assassination. Perhaps you'd like to be in direct touch with him? If so, let me know and I'll have him phone you. Does the Leopoldo Ramon Ducos thing interest you? On the arrests, I have been feeling Jonas what I have on them. I expect to get pictures of two arrests and when I do, I'll give you copies. One was a tall man, the other wore glasses.

Your appearance on the Dolan shows seems to have been remarkably effective. Joe has been a good friend to me. But when he phoned me to get me to answer Phelan, he then, on the air, did not go into this. After he signed me off he went after me in a way that astounded me. I wrote him a tough, challenging letter to which he has not responded. He will air me when I am out there. He has apologized for some of the things he had done, since he aired you, and admitted Phelan took him in, etc. He has yet to apologize to me for my defense of you that he wouldn't air. In fact, he hasn't aired me since. Hal has spoken to him. I think he may soon air me by phone. I will, also be doing other phone shows by phone before I go out, and they may help. San Francisco jumps more easily than other towns.

My Dallas stranger-friend of the racist right is sending me the negatives of the pictures of which I told you-grassy knoll possible ambushcade. I also have the blueprints to the storm sewers that I can bring if you are interested. I'll send you prints as soon as I get the pictures. I'll forward to Dick and Jones the stuff on the arrests when I get it and then can continue to follow that and up.

Financial and time necessities have forced a change in my publication plans. I have finished the text and most of the appendix of the newest book, the fifth, tentatively titled POST MORTEM. It will deal largely with the autopsy and what relates and, I think will be of help to you. I'll have several hundred pages of photographic reproduction of suppressed stuff that is utterly destructive of the official account, of the integrity of all those involved, and should, if it can get any attention, go a

long way toward answering the video finkery. The book that will follow will contain all I can afford to include of the documentation on other things, also important. The problem, simply, is money. We are still deep in debt and are having to sue Dell for even an accounting of sales. Royalties due in April and this month have not been paid. However, I believe my credit is good enough to bring out the next two books as fast as I can finish them. I'll have everything necessary done on Post Mortem before I leave and my wife will be preparing it for the printer while I look for fights out west. I've asked friends to try and arrange meetings at which I can confront Liebler and Ball and, if they do not attend, to have empty chairs with their names on them. The problem, of course, will be to get press coverage. I was in Philadelphia Tuesday, made a speech in which I called Arlen Specter a repetitive and deliberate liar all over again, referred to my having done this in print last year and to his ensuing silence, declared perhaps the most reprehensible thing he has done was to seek to make political capital of his transgressions, and with him running for mayor, there was no coverage, no interest, and he got away with being silent again. Can I use your steps for this when I'm there? Should I?

I am beginning to wonder if it might not be a good idea, if you think it worthwhile and it is possible, for Tom to come back here and work over some of the new things I have found that were not available to him. I've spent a hasty day on them and plan several more before I come down. I'll have a better idea of what is new and can tell you. These are staff papers, Memos, etc. I have not yet found anything on your end of it but I'll be looking. If it is not too extensive when I come across some, assuming I do, I'll just get all of it Xeroxed and bring or send it. I expect to be there each of the coming three Tuesdays, when I begin the day with dental and medical appointments.

Recently, the accumulated abuse of the past four years has weighed heavily on me, for I've been pushing every day to past 18 hours that long, so I decided that I'd better get a check up before I leave.

So you'll know what you can have if it interests you, I know the size of the fragment of bullet in Connally's leg, the witnesses who would not testify in consonance with the single bullet theory and were not called or examined around what they told the staff, what the autopsy doctors told Specter and Ball (back wound), etc., and the reason the staff had to believe the President was shot much earlier, as early as Frame 168 being possible. I'll probably have copies of this with me when I come. I also have a couple of things the Archives swears it doesn't have. I found the autopsy authorization, which was removed from every copy before the files were sent to the Archives, misfiled! But I do have it. Dick Billings agrees that publication of all the material which does not directly relate to your case can help you materially, so I want to get it done as fast as possible. The book I want to work my way to, very much, is TIGER TO RIDE.

I'm looking forward to getting down there again. I'll bring everything I think you can use and tell you about the rest, as best my failing memory will permit. If there is any major change in probable trial date that is not in the papers, please try and let me know.

If Roufs will not distribute the book by the time I'm there, I'd like a forum where I can expand on freedom of the press. He has refused to handle PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITENASH under conditions where he cannot lose money on it and after Bill Lucas assured him there was no libel in it. My last word from Callenix is that he is not handling this book, either. They are trying him again.

Good luck!