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Dear Corky,

Relet 29: You may be right. My recollection is I was going on FBI reports and they are not dependable. I have erred before in believing them.

I have no independent recollection of knowing his 1/22/63 whereabouts from any other source.

McDonald's book, regardless of what anyone thinks of him, is a gross and deliberate fraud. I'd like to know what and whose (extensive amounts of) money is behind it. It is not even a good fraud.

My activity seems to be at a plateau. It is and I think for a while will remain limited. This time of the year my wife works (tax consultant) so all that extra work falls on me.

Thank, best regards, and have a good year.

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DEAR HAROLD,

VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR HEALTH NOT BEING WHAT IT SHOULD BE. FOR GOODNESS SAKE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH UNIMPORTANT ANSWERS TO ME.

PERHAPS THE EFFORT YOU HAVE PUT FORTH OVER THESE PAST MANY YEARS WILL SOON BEAR FRUIT, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH WHAT IS STILL TO BE COMPLETED.

PLEASE NOW, AT YOUR PLEASURE AND TIME ONLY I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AN ANSWER. YOU STATED IN YOUR LAST LETTER "WHATEVER HALL IS HE HAS AN AIRTIGHT ALIBI FOR 11/22/63 ..." THIS SORT OF MYSTIFIED ME I MUST CONFESS, OF COURSE YOU ARE PRIVY TO MUCH MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION THAN I, HOWEVER I AT NO TIME UNDERSTOOD HIS (HALL'S) LOCATION ON THAT DATE. LET ME EXCHANGE MY UNDERSTANDING WITH YOU ON THAT PARTICULAR DATE. UPON HALL'S INDICTMENT IN CALIF. IN LATE '67 AS A MATERIAL WITNESS FOR MR. GARRISON, HALL PREPARED A DEFENSE BUILT AROUND THE TESTIMONY OF A MR. ROBERT HUDSON. IT WAS PRELIMINARY THAT MR. HUDSON AND HALL WERE LUNCHING TOGETHER AND DISCUSSING THE SALE OF AN AUTOMOBILE. THE HUDSON STATEMENT WAS CONCLUSIVE TO TIME AND DATE. HOWEVER AFTER HALL'S APPEARANCE IN COURT IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., HUDSON RECANTED HIS STATEMENT AND LITTLE NOTE OF THIS WAS MADE, OR AS I WAS TO FIND OUT, WAS NOT MADE AVAILABLE AT THE STATE LEVEL TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION ON GETTING HALL TO NEW ORLEANS. HALL, AS YOU WELL KNOW, IS A MASTER OF THE TWISTED STORY, EVENTS, ETC. I THINK I RECALL YOUR CONVERSATION PRETTY CLOSE WHEN YOU WERE IN LOS ANGELES TALKING TO HALL AT THE VA HOSPITAL, THAT HALL COULD BE A TRIGGERMAN. I PERSONALLY DO NOT FEEL HE WAS, HOWEVER THAT IS MY OWN SPECULATION. HALL IS CAPABLE, HAD MOTIVE (\$\$?), SO THAT WOULD LEAVE ONLY OPPORTUNITY. LET ME DEAL WITH THE MOTIVE FOR A MOMENT, AND HOPEFULLY GIVE YOU CAUSE TO CONSIDER. HALL AND ASSOCIATES HAD BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN CUBAN AFFAIRS (THIS ACCORDING TO ALL ACCOUNTS, YOURS, THE POLICE, CUSTOMS, AND HIS OWN ADMISSION). HALL IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MONEY FOR VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, ALL EFFORTS DIRECT TOWARD A PLAN OR PURPOSE SOMEONE IS DIRECTING (INDIVIDUAL GROUPS OR CIA). THAT HAD BEEN HIS LIFE STYLE FOR A PERIOD OF YEARS, EVEN PRIOR TO HIS CUBAN CONNECTION. THE 11/22/63 DAY ARRIVES, AND SUDDENLY ALL ACTIVITIES CEASE. THE MAN WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF COLLECTING GUNS, DRUGS, MONEY, PERSONNEL,

Los Angeles Area

▶ Dictaphone

THREE**

NOW COMES HUGH MCDONALD'S BOOK. I DO KNOW FOR A FACT THIS MAN HAS CREDITS. I HAVE A LONG TIME (15 yrs) FRIEND WHO IS CHIEF DEPUTY WITH THE LAS VEGAS METRO POLICE DEPT. (WE'VE HAD MANY LONG DISCUSSION ON THE CASE AND IT ONLY TOOK ME 5 YRS. TO CONVINCED HIM) HE IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MCDONALD AND WAS SINCERELY IMPRESSED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN OF THE JFK CASE. HE HASN'T AS YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE BOOK. THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS OF MCDONALD'S WRITING I'D VERY MUCH LIKE TO GO OVER WITH YOU, BUT WILL SAVE IT FOR LATER.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH AND WRITE WHENEVER YOU CAN.

BEST WISHES,

W. J. Winston
"CORKY"

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stationary is all*

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