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Dear Bob,

I haven't thanked you for the xeroxes from Moody's and the valuable Wall St. Journal clipping only because I've been too sick to do it. For the first time in years I've had some kind of high fever and it leaves me too exhausted even to walk.

If and when I get the missing Moody's, I'll send you a copy (see enc.).

Aside from the obvious importance of the Shaw perjury, I have other interests in this. I have been hoping the name LM. or L.P. Bloomfield will come up. I'll still a little too groggy to recollect with certainty. Perhaps Darlene will recall the Guardian story which was my original source, from the Rome correspondent, Posner, on Shaw's intelligence connections. The name is in there if it was edited out of OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS.

Someone is making a few copies of COUP D'ETAT for me. I am not anxious for the contents to become known until I can achieve printing of it. However, if you'd like to borrow a copy long enough for both of you to read, please let me know and I'll send a copy as soon as I get them. You will then see more of my interest in Gaudet.

I plan an epilogue alleging a deal on the Ray settlement in which the NY arranged it all behind fronts, of whom Foreman was the most essential. If you have anything that bears on this, I'd sure welcome it. I am certain it is the case, that Ray was told he'd be killed either by the chair if convicted or by a fellow-prisoner if jailed, unless he cooperated. I remain convinced there is no evidence that would survive a decent cross-examination that he was anything but a decoy.

I do not plan to give any of this to Garrison short of a full package, for the reasons that should by now be more obvious than the elliptical indications I had been giving you all along. Perhaps, instead, we'll do something else first. At the right time, if I do not suggest this, please remind me. And if I have not sent you one of the two things I had given Garrison in advance that should have been in Shaw's face when he was on the stand (and Cobb's), let me know and I will. It is an FBI report I have. The second thing is from a man I must protect. However, I can tell you this for your own information: he is a man who is in a position to know the principals and the truth, who I trust to have told me the truth, without ulterior motive, and who made a pretty broad hint that Cobb arranged things with the new ITM for his personal profit. If what he said is proveable, you'll find real-estate deals that have or will make Cobb a tidy profit because of the new ITM construction. You should also find the function of the ITM changed entirely (as now seems obvious from who is sponsoring the trade fairs), and with Mario Bermudez the man in charge on the scene. He is said to be Shaw's friend only to his face, to be Cobb's ramrod. Cobb is said to have fired Shaw, telling him that if he resigned, he'd be given big honors and a fine sendoff. He was then getting \$30,000 per year, besides petty graft, like a \$5,000 contract to make a study for an ITM for Puerto Rico (he almost got fired then). Bermudez is the heavy grafter, esp. expense accounts. If these are required to be preserved, they should make you a very good story. He'd file a simple sum, like "expenses, \$10,000", and get paid, often with his comment, "the taxpayers got their money's worth". If you get interested in him let me know and I'll tell you more.

Hurriedly,