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Dear Harold:

In response to your January 7 letter, I can save you a tremendous amount of wasted time and energy on the three tramps. They were not arrested behind the post office, but in a box car near Lee Bowers' tower. I know this by correlating Harkness' testimony Vol. VI page 311, Lee Bower's statement to Mark Lane, "A Citizens Dissent, page 213," Sheriff Harold Elkins report, Vol. XIX page 540, and all seven photos of the tramps, 2 by George Smith, 2 by Jack Beers, and 3 by William Allen.

If you will look at all of the photos in sequence (except Jack Beers' which are not available) and read all of the above references, you will soon see exactly what happened. Harkness arrested them in the box car directly beside the tower and escorted them through the parking lot, down the Elm Street extension, to Houston Street and down Houston to the vehicle entrance to the sheriff's office midway between Elm and Main Streets.

Elkins received them from Harkness and took them to Fritz at the jail. There we lose track of them.

Now one valuable thing you can do, if you really trust the guy in Dallas, have him do the following. Get hold of the booking record for these men, the mug shots and identities. If he claims to know that they were arrested and then released later, then he is a very valuable contact. The reason is that no one, repeat, no one in the Dallas police force, or in the two newspapers has ever admitted that these guys were arrested.

When I questioned the three photographers and their bosses, they either couldn't remember taking the photos, or did remember and said those guys were not under arrest.

Now, here's another idea. Maybe your friend could get to Elkins or Harkness and surely one of them would have noted the names of the three guys. Or how about getting to the cop who was on duty at the city jail booking desk and took down their names. He was probably pretty far down in the organization.

I seriously doubt that Elkins actually turned three winos or tramps over to Fritz himself.

Now, the fact is, Harold, you must know that those men were not just tramps. I'm 100% certain of the identity of two of them as

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named in my last letter and 70% certain the third is Bradley. The only major discrepancy is in the ears and a 1963 photo of Bradley indicates those ear protrusions were not there then. Even if it's not Bradley, the identity of the other two as right wing, anti-Castro adventurers and CIA connected guys is going to be well established.

So they are important. Perhaps as important as any other aspect of the assassination. If they are tramps, then let your friend and the Dallas police come up with their names and let's go and talk to them, take their pictures, compare them and prove it once and for all. That ought to be simple. In fact, it's so simple that I'm sure the Dallas police would want to do it in a hurry just to stop all of the rumors.

If Jim's friend who compared Bradley with the tramp had all five available photos, how does he explain the identical scars and the perfect match of all facial features in one of the Wm. Allen photos (that's the first of his three on Houston) against the photo of Bradley at his press conference.

Let me know what you want to do.

*Dick*