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You'll be welcome whenever you are here, consistent with my convoluted hours. I'm retiring now 5:15-5:30 to try to get a little more sleep because beginning about midnight I'm awake. You might want to economize on your time by making up a list of what you think will interest you. The mass of what I've gotten can be defeating but I've a file cabinet and a half of duplicate copies filed by name.

Hosenko can be reached through the CIA only. It is the initial screener. If it does not mix it forwards letters to him. He sees very few from what I understand and doesn't blame him at all. Yes, I think he was honest, as best he could be with the treatment he got. Reliable was your word. I think so.

I can't conceive of a rocket or any other trajectory from the car to where the curbstone was hit with enough energy to take that big a chunk out. One from the <sup>head</sup> ~~hit~~ could not have gone that way without a builtin autogiro and a computer. And why do you think it was patched? Not for fun and games. For a reason.

It is not that the FBI did not know what to do or how to do it. It was that they had to handle it with the politics they knew were involved. Hoover laid the line down and they followed it. Or else.

Before the lab saw anything it knew that there had been a patch. When they saw it they knew for sure. Shancyfelt knew before he had that piece of cybustone dug up for tests he knew would be phony.

I do not think we can know with any confidence how many shots were ~~fired~~ fired and I'm of the belief that silencers were used. But with no investigation to begin with no possibility of knowing now.

As I remember it at Oak Ridge when the rifle was fired there were check deposits. From what you say I suspect the test is not being used as much because it cannot by itself incriminate but can exculpate.

On some things Castro has been remarkable forthright. There was a conference between representatives of both sides over the missile crisis in Havana. His extemporaneous remarks were astounding for clarity and organization <sup>ad lib.</sup>

Best,

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Dear Harold,

I hope you don't mind my using the familiar, but I feel I'm beginning to know you. Please call me George! I just got your letter and the books (last week) and I'm trying to read all three at the same time. Also, I'm about 1/2 way through "The People vs Lee Harvey Oswald by Walt Brown. All in all, the government seems to have, to say the least, a very weak case.

Now, about the destroyed spectro plate, I heard it on an A+E television special (that featured you) that I recorded some time ago.

Can Yuri Nosenko still be interviewed? If so, how does one go about it and would he still be reliable or would his agencies dependence compromise his testimony?

How about Fidel Castro? How difficult would it be to talk to him? Is he reliable? One would think he'd be willing to tell the truth after all these years just to better relations with the U.S.

What puzzles me re: the 2 bullet fragments in the car, is the fact that the 21 grain piece was just part of the jacket. The lead core was gone. Could that missing lead core not be the piece that flew off and hit the curb by James League? It sounds to me as though the FBI investigators weren't really very good at their jobs. They probably panicked when they saw only lead markings on the curb and instead of being logical + putting two + two together were afraid it indicated a fourth shot + tried to cover it up. What do you think?

Now, about the parafin tests. Parafin tests of the hands aren't even used anymore because they are so

inconclusive! If you smoke or read a newspaper, your hands will test positive. I'm a gunsmith, and I know that when you lose the bolt of a rifle you force all the gases and residue out the barrel. The face of a rifle shooter almost never tests positive (unless he's a heavy smoker). So why did they even rely on the test at all, even for Oswald's hands.

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Best Wishes,  


P.S.

Would you mind, after I get a new car, if I came up to look at your records. My back is real bad, but I can still climb steps.

