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Dear Lonnie,

Your ^uh_ors have changed. You used to not get in until about 7. Some day when I'm not too tired about 4 I'll call you. Not long after that we have supper because I aim for bed about 6.

With the hours you keep, requiring night driving, as soon as headlight glare becomes a problem see your ophthalmologist.

After I wrote you I got an idea ~~of~~ for a long magazine article on Russell and Cooper not believing the single-bullet theory and what Rankin did to keep them from making a record of it in the Commission's records. After I finished the rough draft I thought of how I might make a short book out of it because Russell told me and left a record I have repeating it that "I am confident they did not tell us all they know about Oswald." Thus much about Oswald becomes relevant, like that number business.

The number I'd like to know more about is 110669. It ~~is~~ a number you gave to either Henry Wade, Dean Storey of Waggoner Carr. I'm inclined to believe it was Wade and I'm pretty sure it could not have been the only other possibility, Leon Jaworski. He and Warren met with them 1/24/64. Storey and Wade, who remains my friend, believed there would be a transcript. Not only did Rankin not have their court reporter there, there is no transcript in the Commission's records. Instead Rankin wrote a memo on it, with his own slant and his own omissions. That is my source on that number. And this also tells you what he was up to in pretending an interest in only S-172 or S-179. Which he also should have known is not an FBI number, either.

So you do not have to go to your attic for that box to get the number and I think you should remember your source. That is what interests me in particular.

I'm interested that you were asked by someone in Philadelphia about Ira Einhorn because I had some distant relatives in Phila. by that name. Last time I saw any of them was about 1923. I've not heard from any since. So, Ira could be a distant relative on my paternal grandmother's side and I'd have no way of knowing it.

Yes, I believe Newman is a man of integrity. And quite bright and able.

So I've got 12 years on you. I suggest ~~that~~ for the future that with some of us is not as distant as we'd like that you check on your paper insurance and see if that can be the adon on Medicare, which pays only 80%. The adon pays the rest. But it sounds like you are still rather active and productive.

I knew Bertram was one of your sources but not on what.

I do hope you will tell me more about that number! And we hope you are all well,

Best,

Haidt

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Dear Hal and Lil,

Mary and I are baffled. We sent an Xmas card and a lot of information.

We are still hanging in. I plan to keep working full time as long as I can keep pace. My week includes writing five daily columns, a Sunday computer column, a Sunday "Honor Roll" of about 40 inches, a Pet Project feature every Thursday to find abandoned pets homes, covering the police beat on Saturday nights and writing 10 to 15 obits.

The main reason I keep working is for the medical benefits and the life insurance paid for by the company.

My work schedule is Tuesday through Saturday. I come to work at 4 p.m. every day except Saturday when I arrive about 5. So, if you are still up, feel free to call. My toll free number is 1-800-777-8680.

We are glad that Lil's cataract removal was so successful. We have been told that we must have some cataract surgery in a couple of years.

Now, to answer your questions.

The trouble with Oswald's number is that he had at least three real ones. The first, of course, was his Department of Defense Number assigned to him in Japan when he was supposedly checking the woman in the off limits club. The second was a number probably assigned to him by the CIA. The third would be his FBI number (not S-172 or 179-ho, ho). It would begin with a zero if there was a determination of a & possible communist or Soviet connection.

My problem is that I don't remeber the real numbers. Honest! But I will try to find them. I think they may be in a box in my attic.

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Needless to say, as I grow older-I will be 69 on April 22, my memory isn't as sharp as it used to be. Not long ago, someone from Philadelphia called to ask if I had seen Ira Einhorn in Canada or here. Although I have pictures and motion film of him made more than 10 years ago, I wouldn't recognize him if he sat down beside me in a restaurant. The same goes for Carlos, the Jackel. It has been more than 30 years since I last saw him, and he was just a kid then. I have no idea what he would look like now.

But back to the numbers. I am sorry your files were stolen by the Baltimore cop for Lifton and/or Livingstone. I remember Lifton, but Livingstone doesn't ring any bells with me.

I made a cameo appearance on the Frontline program on Oswald. I was in the segment with Jerry Hill. They were mainly interested in my recollections about Oswald's demeanor. They filmed me for several hours but only used about three or four minutes.

My gut feeling is that the CIA, for whatever reason, wants the case closed, that Oswald did it. Period. A former high ranking member of the company recently got mad at me and screamed (literally) "I don't want to hear it! I don't want to hear it" when I told him about the Midnight Flight to ~~HAVANA~~ Havana and that I knew the name of the passenger-the real name, not the one trotted out from the alleged files of Winn Scott, the station keeper in Mexico, after Scott's death. But that's another story for another time.

I am happy that you have found a person you can trust in Maj. John Newman. From your description, he sounds like a man of integrity.

Meanwhile, I tried to contact Lane Bertram to thank him for his help in the past and for backing me up that plots to kill Castro were kept secret for nearly 13 years. I found out that he has died.

Call or write when you get a chance.

As ever,

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