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Dear Matt,

Thank you very much for the xeroxes of the stories on the Oliver Stone movie and for the work you did in putting them all together, as in Wicker's piece in the Sunday Times. It surprised me that it gave almost two full pages to his article.

These stories contained tidbits of information I've not seen in articles here. In some instances I think they reflect effective public relations for the movie and Stone. I did hear that he refused to be interviewed in England, perhaps from you. I suppose it is quite successful in Europe.

There is not much news here and what there is you may have better information on from your Dallas sources. "One of mine had told me of any of it, the police disclosure of records.

As I piece it together from little, I think that most of what is now available was long available and was not known to be. It seems that a small new addition was made recently, that access is rather restricted and closely supervised and that copies are expensive, 20¢ a page.

While I do not know I believe that some of what was made available, apparently without any announcement of it by the police, had long been available because it had been provided to the Texas Court of Inquiry. I had a couple of reels of microfilm of those police records and I got them printed. I gave a set to Fensterwald so I presume that if you have any interest in those police records the easiest and least expensive way of getting them would be through AARC and Jim Mesar, who may not even remember that they have those records.

Gus Russo phoned me in some excitement a week or so ago to tell me that these new disclosures include records relating to the three men Garrison dubbed Tramps and Stone insists were. From a new man, unknown to me, at the AIC there, I've been told that those records have been available since 1989 and are not in the new box just announced. He said he'd send me copies. He or more likely Russo said that most of the work on these records is being done by Mary, who has retired, and David Perry. Howard at AIC is also going over them. Perry is a professional investigator, insurance.

Nothing about their content has appeared in any papers I see and I've not been sent copies of any Dallas stories. I've not heard from Jim Mesar whether they are getting any or expect to. I suppose they will and that he is just too busy. As of yesterday the Wash. Post had no copies. If Gardner gets any, I think I'll get copies from him. But because of the volume I doubt they'll make any real effort. Moreover, the police did not investigate the crime itself in any event. All we might expect is similar to the nontramp men, perhaps a bit that may interest you, on Red Bird airport, things like these. I hope I'm wrong!

Again thanks, and I hope your work is going well. Best,

Harold