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District Attorney Jim Garrison  
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New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Jim,

By the time this letter reaches you we will have spoken on the telephone. I hope that your notes on the code we set up are still available to you.

In that regard I would like to say that if we should misunderstand each other on the phone tomorrow Tulsa is Mexico City.

I have been discussing the lead we had on Siemachi with Turner and he feels that that might be an extremely valuable possibility. He is helping me to arrange the details.

I spoke to Maggie recently and told her of the new development. She is inspired by the possibility and is returning to the "books" and researching that point.

The opportunity has not presented itself safely enough as yet to see or photograph that scrapbook. I have obtained some other documents from the same source and will hold them until I am able to analyze them a bit so that I can relate to you, as briefly as possible, what I believe their value is. I am sure that after a few more weeks of this type of close observation we will have a very good insight into most of this person's present life. More about this at the end of this letter because I am to have a meeting about this in a few minutes.

One important new aspect of the scrapbook is the fact that Sue has seen a letter of Jack Ruby's inside it. She has not been able to read it because it was shown to her briefly and only to "turn her on" rather than to allow her to read it.

I have turned the entire murder case of Karyn Kupcinet over to the lawyer (Beverly Hills) who had offered his help. With the new development which was the subject of one of my memos on my last trip, I think there is a real possibility of finding more out about the case than we ever knew. The best we could hope for is a link to this California crowd. That would certainly place the subject of the previous paragraph in a different light than our present speculation.

I have mailed the corrected memo on the notes which we last discussed over coffee to Lorraine Lebuff. It is imperative that the corrected memo be regarded as the one for the files and not the one which was sent to me and which I believe you have

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seen. There were some serious errors in the first typing which you no doubt noticed.

I consider the Sigma Chi lead the most important in terms of priority but I have been hoping to work on something in the meantime and I believe you had some instructions which you were going to send me about a local witness. I will be glad to follow that up if you will send me the details.

I am trying to obtain some information as to whether or not there is a way of acquiring some records from the University of Southern California. If that possibility presents itself I will notify you and ask your permission to go ahead.

There was a short possibility that Jim Rose had misrepresented his "reference", Stanley Scheinbaum, but upon rechecking the story carefully with both Scheinbaum and then with Rose (he didn't know I was checking) I am still convinced as is Bill Turner (he is firm on this) that Rose is a valuable and truly dedicated asset. He has proved this by his actions thus far. He has no knowledge that would be harmful to our work or the investigation nor does he ask any. I hope we can get the project done with the most beneficial haste and I know I have your confidence on this.

BINGO! I mean this in the traditional sense of the word. Tonite Sue was invited to a dinner at the local man's house. She attended and without prompting she found the discussion switching to "this Garrison thing". She quickly told the assemblage that the next thing she felt "Garrison will do is to say Governor Reagan is involved." While that passed as a tremendous put down at that gathering in other more informed circles that might be a distinct possibility.

The outcome of her visit was that the secretary and Sue became good friends. The man became very excited at the subject of discussion and showed Sue several exhibits of his own collection. One of them was a xerox of an original Jack Ruby letter as mentioned above. I have never heard of such a letter but I will let you judge by the following short passage that Sue was able to read whether or not this is one of the letters which has been published before.

The letter was a five page letter although he only showed Sue pages one, three and five saying that he'd lost the other two. The letter began,

"Dear Jim,

Call KLIF. Do not talk to anyone but Gordon McLendon. Tell him I've been framed....."

Further toward the end of the letter, Ruby continued:

"you and I both know that when Oswald took the job at the Book Depository he could not have known of the parade route, only the people in D.C. knew then."

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The letter was signed Jack Ruby.

During Sue's visit she was able to determine the following by her own observation:

- 1) L. has not one scrapbook but a whole shelf full of them complete with photographs of many of his movie star friends with himself. He is really ego stricken and these photographs are his "badge of courage."
- 2) Inside one of the scrapbooks is a glossy photograph of the mugshot made of Lee Harvey Oswald when arrested in New Orleans. Sue said that the number on the card in front of Oswald is #112723 and the date is August 9, 1963. Is this correct?

What's most important about this photograph is that it is signed, "To my friend R.L. Don't let this happen to you! (signed) Clint Murchison" !!!!

- 3) The majority of his files are in a private office upstairs which is off of the bathroom and would not usually be noticed. It looks more like a door to a closet.
- 4) At the dinner was a man named Milt Scott who lives in Hollywood on Stone Ave. He had been at a party at the home of:

R. Mitchell McClure  
Rancho Camarillo  
Sand Canyon Rd. (off Los Angeles Ave. Near  
Somis, between Moorpark and Saticoy Aves.)  
Camarillo, Calif.  
Phone Numbers: 482-3540  
482-3016

(See Memo on Sue's new information about the Kupcinet case.)

at this party in 1964, shortly after the murder of K. Kupcinet, Sue and Scott discussed this murder because he had been a close acquaintance of Karyn K.'s. There is a possibility that Karyn Kupcinet was at a party at McClure's when she made that phonecall because this is a favorite party place of our local group. Kupcinet was definitely a member of that jet set.

- 5) In addition to the scrapbooks L. has a stack of address books. They are all numbered and coded in some way which is indicated by the markings on the covers.
- 6) When L. was showing off some of the objects in his

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collection, his secretary said, "Why don't you show Sue some of the things in drawer Two?" L. replied, "No, not now, some other time." This drawer should be interesting.

- 7) Sue overheard a discussion between L. and someone on the other end of a phone line. (I will check this) saying that someone had ordered "the guys arms and legs broken and bust up his store." L. was speaking about someone in town. We do not know who. Evidently as the conversation continued Sue heard that, Si Bartlett had phoned a man named Rudy Diaz\*and had the pending attack stopped because of the "headlines" it might cause.
- 8) L. is retiring sometime in the future and leaving the country for Switzerland.
- 9) As stated in my memo concerning the Kupcinet death the mention of a doctor named "Max" was important. Tonight Sue overheard a conversation that indicated that "Dr. Max" had been put in "bad shape" because of his "mouth" and that "he'd better straighten himself out'soon."

Jim, rest assured we will not let up on this for a second except to pursue that other project which, if completed, would yield such valuable information that it must take priority.

I had thought a week ago that the most we could develop with this guy locally was an association but now I'm beginning to think he might have some possessions which would indicate a real inside track.

After my last discussion with Louis I feel that his caution in not accepting outsiders easily can only help. I think that the intense pressure is certain to yield emotional reactions in everyone. The fact that he made me think much more intensely in terms of proving everything that I say can only help me. I only hope that if he ever realizes that I am not a liar he will tell me because it is good to have the support of people one works with and having Mort down on me is bad enough.

Speaking to you of what I saw when I thought I was being followed could have been either overcaution, paranoia or the truth. I thought then it was better to relate it than to keep it to myself. I think in the future the opposite is in order until I can prove my suspicions. I have stopped suspecting for now, nomatter how strange the coincidence (i.e. our second Jaguar was stolen out of the garage Feb. 1st).

Most Sincerely, *Jaffe*

P.S. Everyone thought the Carson show was the strongest public victory yet -- nothing but much new support.

THERE IS (HIDE IN L.A.) NO CONFIRMATION, SPECIFICALLY THAT IT'S THE SAME  
 BUT THE COINCIDENCE IS ODDLY  
 \* RUDY DIAZ, who has made 3 appearances  
 Details on the four James Siew (Channel - KTTV - cash street)  
 He is a Cuban, AIR FORCE COLONEL; HE WAS INVOLVED  
 in anti-castro activities and at the time 23, 1967 Embassy Pingpong  
 he had a friend of Robert & Cuban theme song who appeared the Communist for