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Dear Jim,

Thanks for the time and effort on that phony Mark Brown. I've finished the book except for an almost finished commentary on its epilogue. Throughout I've been open in my not believing he was ever an FBI SA. At most he flunked out of the academy. Sorry I have no contacts with any publishers who might be interested and know nothing about any Texas book publishers in particular because I think it might go there because of his outrageous allegation for which he does not even pretend to offer proof. I shred him with some thoroughness and on fact, not theories. He is astoundingly ignorant of the established fact. If I think of it I'll copy part of the dust jacket and enclose it. It says he is a former special agent of the DJ. I think he is probably in his 40s so the people you know would not have known him.

^{His} stuff is so outrageous he even put me in the position of defending Hoover.

He gives "The Gemberling Report" as the name of the first report the FBI gave the Commission in whose records it is CBI. Gemberling never saw it unless he got a file copy later. No cracks about him or you, though.

I knew Hosty's book was due about now and wrote a friend in New York to see if she could get it for me. The weather before the storms kept me close to the house or in it. I've had no answer. Since I've heard that it was published by an outfit Arcade that is part of a bigger outfit. Gemberling is undoubtedly correct, he balmes everyone else. He's been rather slack-jawed over the years and I fear has begun to believe his own stuff. What he has been writing and getting in places like the Wall Street Journal is what Gemberling expects of the book.

One of the many friends I've never met, a retiree from Minnesota moved to Florida and a fine man spent a ~~last~~ brief period with Mary. She had an accident when they left the restaurant but said she came out of it OK. Glad she and Buck and hanging in and regret the added drain on her.

The weather here is as severe as the TV has shown for the area but aside from it being too dangerous for us to go out we've made out OK. A ^{friend} ~~friend~~ came the evening of the first day of the 24" snow and plowed out lane and was back every day, sometimes more than once a day, and aside from being drifted in at the house were not really snow-bound if there had been an emergency. I was tired and retired earlier than my usual early hour last night and he came after he had supped and plowed us out of the ten-incher we got yesterday. He is out doing lanes now and he'll get the drifts out so a neighbor can do some shipping for us tomorrow. The stores undoubtedly have little. ^I all we had over three feet. Thanks for the time and effort. Best to you all,

Lawrence

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Dear Harold and Lil,

Received your letter and as usual it was good to hear from you. Like you we have accumulated a 144 years between us. I don't think we can make another 144, and I am not sure that I would want to.

I have gone through the hip replacement and in my case I highly recommend it. I was having back pains and many other problems, but when I had the replacement it took away about 90% of the pain. I was just sorry I had not had it done earlier. It might not be for everybody but it sure was for me. We are hoping and praying for both of you. so take care of yourself.

I cannot find anyone who knows "Walt Brown" I have talked with Bob Gemberling who was the senior agent assigned to work on the assassination. The other agents turned their reports into him he checked them and passed them on to Shanklin. He did not know of anyone by that name. He also has a roster of all the agents who retired and joined the retired agents association, dating back to 1935. None of them with a first or middle name of Walt. So if he was an officer it had to be with another agency. Bob also told me that James Hosty has written a book. I had not heard of it. He is in process of reading it, but he says it looks like he "Hosty" blaming everybody but himself for what happened. I hope this will help.

Mary and Buck is still hanging in. She has had some troubles but the last time I talked with her she was feeling better.

Take care of yourself and give our love to Lil.


Jim Leavelle