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Dear Mr. Leibowitz,

Thanks for your package, which came yesterday. It was kind of you.

First on Post Mortem and Tiger to Ride: I have completed the first but have no more xeroxed copies and have not completed the second or the other books on which I am working. So, I do not have any others now available. We do keep a mailing list and if this situation changes, we'll let you know.

I read your long letter and all the notes you added to the clippings. But it simply is not possible to answer them, as I hope you can realize. I'd be writing a special book just for you and a very long one. But I can't find time to complete the books I am writing for everyone. I hope!

There are at least a half-dozen works that I have begun. I work on each whenever I can and I continue my efforts to get the suppressed. We are not people of means and there are no people of influence who help with what we do, so the efforts are not easy. However, they are productive, and I therefore spend all the time possible in work and as little as I can on correspondence. That is time that comes from work.

The EMK transcript is one I did not have. When I have time I'll read it. But now I am working on other things and it is not relevant to that work.

I have heard of but had not seen the Penthouse piece. However, the opinions of the uninformed mean nothing to me and what is said about me holds little interest for me. I do find a value in it and for this I am glad you sent this. I keep all of these that I can get so that in the future they can be used by those who may use it to evaluate my work. By the time others seek evaluation of my work they will know enough to discount this review based on what it says about Epstein and Thompson, whose work is not at all as represented.

So, if you come across anything that can interest me, I will appreciate getting it. However, I do hope you can understand that I cannot engage in correspondence on these things and the kinds of articles you sent do not add to my knowledge or give me any fact of which I am unaware. My work is much farther advanced than general knowledge would indicate, much past what has appeared.

What can be helpful is reporting in the newspapers available in the New York metropolitan area that is not available down here, but there is no way in which I can tell you in advance if it is relevant or not.

I can't remember all the questions you asked but there is one that I think is different, my relations with Garrison. He did draw on my work but my work in New Orleans was independent of his. I had no interest in Shaw, never cast him in the role in which Garrison did and conducted no Shaw investigation of my own. I came across information about him by accident but none of it persuades me he was what Garrison said. My work was focused on Oswald's career there and the official investigation of it. It was very productive work and it is work Garrison did not attempt. I also did some work on Ferrie, enough to satisfy myself about him and the Oswald connection. This also is work Garrison did not do. And I looked into the Cuban areas he did not explore, to the degree necessary for the Oswald angles. In time this will be in a book that is about a quarter written.

I appreciate your offer to get things xeroxed but the distance between us makes this impossible and it could be of value only in duplicating large materials. There is rarely this need. And I have had to stop lending people any of the few copies of Oswald in New Orleans that I have so they can xerox them because I never get them back. So I now make no exceptions.

Sincerely,

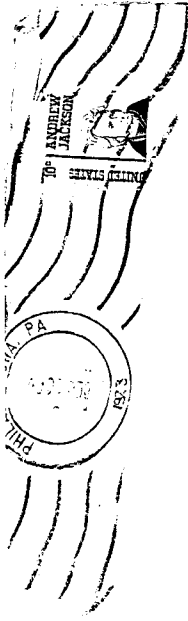
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