

Dear Jim,

10/16/76

Herewith our check for \$200 toward the legal expenses. It comes from Paul W, who simultaneously sought to subvert Lil by suggesting that I take her out of a good dinner! Why that would make it three times in less than a week. Who ever heard of spoiling a woman that way!

Joking aside Lil appreciated it but said not now because she will be going to visit my mother as soon as I get clear this coming week.

This will more than take care of the last transcript now that Dugan has ordered it.

I suggest you see if Ryan ordered the last one with Pratt. We'll need it but not immediately enough to spend \$1.50 a page for it.

The bill for xeroxing enclosed is charged to 1448. Note how much more this is than you pay. I sent you these copies this morning. I stopped off at the post office and got them in today's mail. You should have it today.

The longest set is different copies of the pages of the long Coleman-Slawson memo on Oswald's Foreign travels. I have the earliest version and then as I recall I forced them to release a little more. I remember writing a memo at the time. This indicates what was originally withheld and is now released, showing there never was a basis for any withholding, as my strong letter to the Archives I did give you says.

It is by no means certain that I have those pages in the correct sequence. This xerox machine works upside down and the girl who was operating it was no help.

You asked about the Smith transcript in 1996 and I suggested that we wait until we need it before getting it on the chance that another will want it. I don't know if Green will but Dugan is crazy not to have it.

I may have forgotten to include Smith in those against whom I drafted the contempt motion you have not yet filed. If I forgot, include him. There is basis, and you can be sure that if the motion is filed Dugan will want that transcript. I presume he will on the basis of naming him.

- I also stopped off at the local newsstand for a copy of the National Enquirer of date 10/12. It left the stands the day before the local paper carried a story on the local Fort Detrick scientist who claims the Legionaire's Disease was assassination. It would have had to be madmen, but I'm interested because of the Olson potential and because it is very odd to me that the private bill giving them damages was so drastically reduced. This strikes me as odd because they certainly would have received much more by going to court. Even the agreed 1 1/4 million was inadequate for the loss of a husband for all these years and three loses of father/breadwinner. Paul has registered the summary of a script on that for me and also one on Died in Battle, the receipt for which he included with the check.

Paul also sent me the first of Penn Jones' newsletter. I've not read it yet. I'll have it with me Wednesday but I do not think you should take time reading this sure-to-be crap. I'll keep a file of the copies I get. Every once in a while these nuts pick up something. It is rare when they do not distort it. Like Sprague and his and Cutler's umbrellaman nonsense about a poison dart. In the current People from Berkeley there is a reference to testimony before the Church committee as though it confirms. It cannot. But I can see other values in it. I do not recall the Times story to which Sprague referred.

Believe it or not I've mislaid an entire file drawer in the course of shifting them so I would not have to get in the bottom ones except in the half-sized cabinets, for which I do have a plan, a special seat near them. I'm sure I'll find it somewhere but it is exasperating.

If one of the kids comes up I'll have a copy of the original page of the LHO's travels memo made so you can compare them for Robinson and other, later purposes.

I think the time has come to talk to Florence about him being an expert witness. I'm going to have to make a recommendation to Sprague that will involve him anyway. He can make the difference in 1448. Best,