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Mr. William Lucas
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Dear Bill,

My book, OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS: CASE FOR CONSPIRACY WITH THE CIA, is to appear November 1. I'm coming to New Orleans the following week for a few days. Probably I'll also return later, before the Shaw trial.

I'm writing for three reasons: I hope we can get together, if only briefly; I'd like to get a complete set of the court papers in the Bringuier suit, to complete my files; and your client with that great dedication to freedom of the press and of information, Maurice Houfa, has failed to respond to inquiries about whether he'd handle this book, too.

There is little doubt in my mind but that I'll be asked about it. I will then tell the simple truth: that he has refused to handle it and the previous book, which the New York Times considered was worth 40 column inches as news. I will say that he has ordained what the citizens of the New Orleans area may and may not read. I will also say that he seems to be a coward, intimidated by frivolous law suits filed by the radical fringe of the radical right for just this purpose since it was an entirely impossible suit that could not possibly have any standing in even a tank-town court. I will also say that the firm that filed this suit is the same one that had a connection with a character in my book, a man who must figure in Garrison's case, who was connected with the KHAM training camp that is discussed completely for the first time in this book. So you will know, his name is Ricardo Davis (Rudolf Richard Davis). I will have and will make available the hitherto secret FBI reports on this, and I'll be both surprised and disappointed if this does not earn public notice.

Possibly by then more things will occur to me. These I am certain I'll remember. Of course, I'll probably be asked questions that will elicit other answers.

You know my attitude to this freedom and my determination that it have meaning. I know your own deep convictions, backed by your record. It is for this reason that I do what ordinarily I would not, inform you in advance.

I trust this will be no personal embarrassment for you. If it embarrasses Mr. Houfa, who has earned it more?

Since our pleasant evening together, I have completed my fifth book. I do not know when it will appear, but I think it will interest you.

I hope we can get together, if only for a short while. I'll probably be pretty busy, for I do not intend this as a vacation.

Sincerely,