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Dear Mr. Olam,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 3/29 and enclosure. I also thank you for the kind things you said about me and my work. I do appreciate this.

Unfortunately, the end of the Garrison case has left many people feeling as you represent. It is unfortunate. I think we will overcome it. It is perhaps a good thing, for it may shake out all those (and they are few) who thought they had a good thing. It will leave only those who are serious (also, also, very few).

If your friend at San Jose develops any interesting information or theories, I'd welcome hearing from him. I have little time for correspondence, each letter reducing the time I can spend on research and writing, but I take whatever time is needed to learn what I can. He may see something I didn't, I understand what I have failed to. Or, like you, he may have knowledge in a field where my own is deficient.

Because you have been honest and direct with me, I will return the compliment. Garrison made too many mistakes. Some of this is entirely his own fault. The case you cite is relevant. I knew about that Clyde Johnson stuff and never used it. Why? Because he simply is not a credible man. This is why, when Garrison would use it for publicity, he did not call him as a witness. There are too many others like this. On the other hand, there is also too much he had on Shaw, some of which I developed and gave him, that he did not use. I cannot tell you why.

I do not think Russo and Speisel were reached. I think Speisel was truthful but has psychiatric problems. I have known of him and his story for more than a year and never interviewed him for that reason. However, again Garrison erred. Had he checked Speisel out in advance, he'd have known the building in which Speisel remembered the party was then owned by Shaw! Russo is simply undependable. He was never checked out. When I started to it was not welcome and not followed. For example, he was close, socially, to some of the people on the other side, like Martens. He saw one of Oswald's literature distributions and had a leaflet, of which he never said anything. I know Perry well. I do not know the answer.

You quote Garrison correctly on the CIA. Here he and I disagree. Time alone will give us the answer...Lane and Sahl never did any investigating for him. Theirs was public relations work. Lane is lazy, self-seeking and an open crook. This is the reason for the disagreement between us. He has stolen too much of my work, has been working hard against me behind my back. I began trying to help him. I made a trip to California in December 1966, abandoning my second book to do it, just to get Liebler off his back - and I succeeded. So, when you speak of cooperations between the critics, you are right, but how can the chicken cooperate with the wolf? In actuality, save for a few like him, who have used the work of others and done little of their own, despite the contrary publicity, the others of us, those who really work, do cooperate well.

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When you speak of Rockwell as you do you interest me. I'd like to know more about your theory of how he connects with the JFK killing, and I'd appreciate copies of then any other clippings you may have. I am aware of his stunt in New Orleans, and it does connect him with some of the people who, in turn, are connected with this story. Do you know anything of the English Nazi (whose name at the moment escapes me) with whom he was then associated in New Orleans? That guy was either deported or left the country and was not allowed to return. As I recall it, Ernesto Rodriguez, Jr., also helped Rockwell then. This was a picketing of the movie "Exodus". I interviewed the woman who lived with the Englishman then. I think his first name is Mike, that he comes from a well-known family. I have notes on this I cannot now take time to look up. Now when you say that the NSRP was taking men from Rockwell, you also say what I have heard. I have much more interest in the NSRP than anyone knows, for a reason I do not want to publicize. They wanted to end tried to kill both JFK and King (and others of which I know). There is no information about them I would regard as too inconsequential. They are consciously recruiting those who find the other fanatical groups too tame. Whatever you have, I very much want. If you could bring yourself to associate with them just to develop evidence, I think you would be doing a public service, and I would know what to do with whatever you send me, believe me. They are very active in this area, by the way, and I have had some polished threats by phone. If you know anything more about the financial support Rockwell lost to dePugh, that would also interest me. Do you know anything about money Rockwell got from Kentucky, or from whom? I know he did. Have you any hunch who supported Rockwell in N.O.? Or who Galt saw there? Do you know the better-placed extremists there? I know of only a few. I will make no use of any names.

It is not beyond possibility that the "inutemen have more help than from rightwing policemen. Have you anything on this, on their safe houses, etc? Before Rockwell was killed, there had been talk of his moving to New Orleans and to Dallas. Anything on this or what was behind it-and who?

While you may now find association with the "inutemen and others like them uncongenial, I wish you could have this relationship and let me know what you learn. This way you could keep up to date and could do that for me, which would be very helpful to me. I'd like very much to borrow every scrap of the literature you now have. I will copy what I want and return the rest. If you would do this for me, please wrap it well, send it by "Special Fourth Class Rate-Books", which is but 13 cents for the first pound, six cents for each additional one, and insure it heavily, like for \$200. I doubt if it could be replaced at that cost. This literature in itself, and the bulletins, etc., can be very worthwhile to some of us and I would like it very much. Have you any reason to believe their literature is connected with Robert W. Brown, of Boulder, Colo. (Panther Press)? He is the graduate of two government intelligence schools and has such connections (including NSRP, Cuban mercenaries, etc.).

Your theory of a connection between the assassination and illicit gun traffic is interesting. If you have anything tangible, I'd appreciate an explanation. If it is a hunch, what does it come from. I am also interested in the illicit traffic in arms, for a number of reasons. I missed that Saga article and would like to make a copy. Did you know that two of the Cuban Power boys who were picked up had gotten their explosives training from the CIA and even used CIA-supplied explosives?

Even what you say of the attempt on deGaulle is interesting, possibly relevant, and I'd like to have a copy of that material. One way it might also fit is this: there is reason to believe that the explosives stolen at Houma

be,onged to the French Second Bureau and were to have been used by the Colons in North Africa.

Your conclusion, that members of the right wing may have been used by others, is close to my own opinion. You have perhaps heard me say something like this in my personal appearances out there. This is one of the reasons I want all the data of whatever nature I can get on them, including even their literature, in which there may be clues. The "inside stuff", of course, is of greatest potential interest. While I can understand your reluctance to have a close relationship with such fanatics, now that you understand them, + nonetheless hope you can see your way clear to do it. If the cost of dues, etc., is not too great and you cannot afford it, let me know and I'll see if I cannot raise the money for you. If there are other things you think may be desirable for your protection, so that you will not in the future suffer for this relationship, I think I can take care of that also. Let me know.

I cannot often take time for such long letters, for there is so much I have already gathered I must write up. However, when I got your letter yesterday, it interested me very much, as you can see, and I've gotten up earlier this morning to have time time for a decent response and so that I can get it out in the morning mail when I go to town.

Please, do, send me all the literature and other things you have on the various fanatics, and do insure it. I will return the cost to you. I will also return it with the same care. Do not consider any scrap unimportant, for that is something we can determine only after close study. By the way, that simple telephone code you gave me is identical to one used by the CIA, where the age of the contact is used as the code number.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Many, many thanks. I think you can do much and + hope you will,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg