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Dear Jim Garrison:

I've been working out a chain of evidence on where the first shot in the assassination came from that I thought you should see. Harold Weisberg wrote me that it was new to him but that he was too busy to look into it further, and I asked Penn Jones to check it further. I will inclose a copy of a resume of the case in which I include this -- which is a correlation of what Penn Jones had on page 57 of Forgive My Grief II with what Weisberg had on page 37 of Whitewash II.

In review your Playboy interview I find that there is one aspect of your perspective I feel may be far off. That is with regard to Lee Oswald's part in things. I know Ruth Hyde Paine and have friends who know Mike Paine. As I read over Lee Oswald's diary it read true to me. My remembrance and that of my wife tends to confirm what Vince Salandria found about Mike Paine, that he was in some kind of intelligence work. If my wife and I are right it was about Mike that my wife years ago said that if she were Ruth she would not wish to be married to a man who was in secret employment. Vince found evidence that Mike had been trained for intelligence work. And Vince got Mike to confess that Lee Oswald was working as an informer -- within right wing organizations just I might add, as the informer told of in the Miami tape, that Penn Jones has a story about from Bill Barry, was doing such work. I do not see evidence that Lee was a reactionary in any way, nor that he was unstable. I do have a strong impression that both Ruth and Mike Paine were not at all in the reactionary camp. And the CIA at least played many tunes and had many elements in its work. Just one instance; Norman Thomas told us that he found that the CIA had been responsible for his being paid to go to India on a speaking tour. Thomas was being used in the political maneuvering of powers that he had been unaware. Is it not possible that both Mike and Lee were in the same category within the intelligence organization?

I also feel that it is likely that the time Lee Oswald was taken into the intelligence work was when he wished to leave Russia with Marina and was given this as a condition for leaving. --this hypothesis fits the later need to keep Lee unemployed and on the move till the FBI had herded him to the point where he could be used as the powers wanted to use him. It looks to me more and more as though there were elements in the FBI as well as the CIA that were involved in the plot as well as was obviously true of the cover-up.

Best wishes, sincerely

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