

3/23/68

Dear Gary,

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter of 3/14. I was in N.C. and since then have been working here with an assistant DA. The mail is stacked high and I nibble away at it.

Without checking your Revision, I assume you did include the cabin-gas station incident.

In answer to your request, the enclosed page from the April 5 letter by Thayer Waldo to Maggie Fields was sent to a number of us.

What do you mean by "Will is Slide 13"? Type.

Thanks for the correction of Davies. Do not be embarrassed. This sort of thing is done to us too often. The other side always does it, beginning with the report.

Can you also send me a copy of the "Governor General's Order of October 31, 1966"? What a remarkable coincidence that the Attorney General also issued an order that same day!

The Archives replies that I have everything on Similes. However, I think somewhere I have a clipping announcing the death of your photo-editor. Doubt if I could find it immediately. You should be able to learn of this easily there.

Too much happened on the N.C. trip to begin to recount. Fruitful. New help from new people and more from old helpers.

Please excuse haste. It is before sunup and I've been going for hours in an effort to catch up.

Sincerely,

R.R. 1,
Moffat, Ont., Canada,
March 14th, 1968.

Dear Harold,

Many thanks for your reply of March 5th. I hope you had a good time in New Orleans. Also I hope your wifes ankle is feeling better.

Thank you for the suggestions about the exhibits. I believe that the incident of which you speak about the man with the rifle at the cabin and gas station is included in my Revisions and Additions to my Vehicle Exhibit. It is in part II. If this is not the sighting about which you speak, please let me know as it means that I have overlooked something. I hope that you find the weapon exhibit useful. I too must admit that making revisions is time consuming, especially when one works at a job all day and then does the majority of this work later at night. This may account for a few mistakes that may crop up. I do try to be careful when making up my exhibits and use all the resources at my fingertips. I would be very grateful if you would send me the account of Captain King stating that they found a rifle on the roof of the TSRD. The only source I had for this was his secretary's statement, and I couldn't even remember where I had seen that.

You will find enclosed the exhibit I prepared on the arrests. I realize that there were other arrests (i.e. the arrest in Fort Worth) but the main intent of this exhibit has been to tabulate those arrested in the immediate area of Dealy Plaza. The only thing that might possibly have been included is concerned with Willis Slide 1³. This arrest is probably the one that the Willis's testified to Thompson in his book, the man in black leather etc.

I have sent one of my pictures to be enlarged to see how it will turn out. It might be ready by later tonight and I may include it at last minute.

I am glad that you and Dick are pleased with my work on Similas. Yes, you did send me a copy of your letter to Dr. Bahmer. I hope you get results from it. I presently feel both embarrassed and annoyed about a recent discovery. It seems as though the Telegram has been giving me the run around as usual. ~~Somebody~~ Colin Davies does exist, and I found out strictly by accident with no help from the Telegram. This is my reason for being annoyed. I also feel extremely bad about having told you different, but I now admit the error. Davies was employed as a member of the Editorial staff of the Telegram from Jan. 1st, 1962 until Dec. 1964. The address given during this employment was 27 Austin Terrace. However there is a contradiction here. In the FBI report on Similas (pg. 218-219 Photo. Whitewash) he states "He (Davies) arrived at my home in five or ten minutes." I asked Similas about this and he confirmed this to be so. He positively said it was no more than 5-10 mins. However it is impossible for Davies to have travelled ~~such~~ the distance from either his home or the Telegram in this time. 27 Austin Terrace requires a 12 mile drive through city traffic and countless traffic signals to reach the Similas home!!

The Telegram is some 16 miles from Similas's home, again right through Metropolitan Toronto. Having driven in Toronto numerous times, I would estimate that under ideal conditions the drive would take a minimum time of 30 minutes, from Austin Terrace, and at least 45-60 minutes from the Tely. When I asked Norman to think about this point as carefully as possible, as it was important he once again confirmed 5-10 mins. He is sure that the reporter said he was from Willowdale also and lived on Norton St., about a 5 min. drive from Similas's home. The reason that Similas is sure about this is because in discussing this at a later date with others he remembered that his brother lived on Norton St. also and they discussed the fact that perhaps Similas's brother had seen this reporter at some time.

Davies has an unlisted phone number which I could not obtain anywhere either through the Bell Telephone Co. or the Telegram. He also does not answer letters. Those at the Editorial Dept. of the Tely who remember Davies thought he was now involved with a Public Relations firm in Eglinton, another Toronto suburb. However I have tried all the Public Relations firms listed in Eglinton in the Yellow Pages of the phone directory but with no success. So it would appear that the only thing left to do is to go and knock on his door. I may just do that sometime.

I sent Similas some charts which he promised to mark for me. This was about a week ago and I have had no reply to date. I do think that he will mark them and return them to me as promised. If this happens, I will send you copies of them immediately.

Having been to see Dick recently you probably know the contents of his latest letter to me. I will be writing him also today, but I will be telling him only what I have told you so therefore I will not bother with a carbon this time. The only thing I have left unmentioned is that Dick wanted me to re-check with Albert Plock concerning the attached photo's. I phoned Plock again, and he stated that he is absolutely positive that the photo's were attached to the manuscript when last seen. He could not remember who had handled the galley proof last however, but he thought that it would have been one of the clerks at Liberty. If you or Dick are unsuccessful with the Archives or the FBI please let me know. I will then write the R.C.M.P. as they should be made to release this material pursuant to the Governor General's order of October 31st., 1963.

I now believe that I have only two other leads or sources left. One I will look into, the other I would like either you or Dick to take care of. I spent about 1 hour at the Telegram today talking and looking around. I was allowed to go through the record of the assassination as they had recorded it both in the Record Room and in the files of the former Photo-Editor. I also did not forget to tell them what I thought of them and their indifference to my letters. However I was helped by the present Photo-Editor, Wally Jones and others but we found out nothing. The only lead I am left with is to find out who sent and signed the letter to Similas containing the apologetic note and check for \$50.00. This is the only other person at the Telegram who may have intimate knowledge of this

incident. I will let you know if I find out.

The lead which you may be able to come up with something on is the former photo-editor. His name is not mentioned in the FBI report anywhere. Being the former photo-editor at the Telegram at the time that this occurred, one would think that he would have been interviewed by the FBI for sure. The negatives would have been turned over to him by Davies on his return, normal procedure in a matter of photo's. Therefore I will give you the name and perhaps you can find out if he was interviewed and obtain a copy of the interview. The man's name was Bill Brooks, and he was the Photo-Editor at the time of the Similas affair. Let me know if this name turns up anything. Also if you could spare the time, I would like to have copies of all the documents you have obtained on Similas from the Archives. I will be more than willing to pay the cost of the copying.

Well I must go for now. Tell me about your NO trip.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name "Respectfully,".