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Dear Harold,

Please refer to your letters of 5/16 to me (total 6 pp.) concerning the non-CD Archives order which I sent recently.

I have noted your cautions about further distribution of this material. I have no intention of volunteering it to the CTIA or anyone else, except on a specific-item basis if I know they can make good use of it and cannot misuse it. As you know, I have told Lifton that if he ever gets a book done I am willing to help him publish it. He knows about my special interest in the FBI files and related topics but does not seem to be too interested in them himself. I believe that he has done quite a bit of Archives work by himself recently, and he may well have many of the pages I sent you. He did not get them from me, however, I remind you that some things you found first - e.g., Ward & Paul bills, have been published, in that case by Sprague.

I have sent the carbon of your letter on to Jim. He looked at that entire file and copied some pages from it, but does not have the whole thing.

I am sending two copies of the RFK file, # 424 (all 9 pages). You also asked for unspecified Penn pages. Please give specific references to my file and item number when you ask for more copies. (There is a list of all items at the front of each file.) It would be best if you could save these requests on a separate list until you have gone over the entire order, since it is fairly hard for me to locate something just from your notes.

Refer to my item #101.2, p. 2 of your first letter of 5/16. The Kaack report referred to there is CE 826. (I do not have a full-size copy.) Since the report had been given to the Commission at the time of Hoover's letter, and since it is quite clear from that report that Quigley was the agent who interviewed Oswald, I do not see any significance to the fact that Hoover mentions only Kaack's name.

You asked for copies of 'these new things on Bringuier and the pages from the Marine book.' I do not have the latter; perhaps the Archives could find them in (e.g.) Liebel's office file. The former presumably refers to some of the items in #14X, but I do not know which; please specify.

You say that you have given me some of these documents before. When I went to the Archives, I decided it was not worth the time to review everything I had and list it so I would not get duplicates. In addition, many of the pages I got from you were poor copies, or filed with your correspondence only. However, I don't think I duplicated that much. As I recall PM-II was to be a documentary appendix; I do not have a copy. Might that be what you were referring to?

Re neutron-activation tests (#13X.21): make whatever use you want of it; no restrictions. My interpretation is that, at the very least, this is not in the appropriate scientific language. (And why did not Hoover send over the actual results, rather than just a letter.) First, I wonder if the listed C-items are all that should have been studied. The first sentence of the second para. does not say that the large fragments were subjected to neutron activation analyses, although that would appear to be the only way the claimed comparisons were done. Since Hoover said "minor variations in composition were found" rather than no significant differences, one may infer that the variations were in fact significant (from a scientific point of view), or at worst borderline. That is why, of course, anyone should have the actual results to look at. The last paragraph does not say explicitly that all the small fragments are consistent with all the large ones. One possible way of reading the last paragraph is that the larger fragments were essentially the same, so we are not saying anything about the ~~xxx~~ smaller ones, since that information wouldn't help the Commission. Perhaps the so-called "minor" variations involved the small fragments alone, or compared to the large ones. Let me know if this is your interpretation.

On to folder 2; I have made copies of the Kara-p document (2XX.39) for Gary and Jerry, as you suggested.

I ~~xxx~~ have ~~in~~ the UPI (Colpix) "Four days" records; thanks for your offer.