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Dear Bill,

Warren on the 40,000,000 lives being lost if he did not take the chairmanship of the Commission is not in Post Mortem, as I told you, but in Whitewash IV, pp. 24-5. As I told you if the Enquirer could use my work of 1967 and my publication of 1971 as fresh and original with it, it can use the documents instead of citing the book.

I don't remember which of your people phoned me about this one, there have been so many in the past month-6 weeks, but I had no idea it would wind up this way or I'd not have told him the rest.

The fear of not being able to hide a conspiracy and the certainty that Hoover was hiding one is in the executive session of 1/22/64. I called this part to Ron's attention. He has notes on it and what else is relevant. Natural followup on your "proof" that he lied. Ron has another lead ~~from~~ from me on the Connally lie.

By now you will know of Earl Golz' story in the Dallas Morning News of several days ago. I gave it to him. This is the kind of thing someone down there always says is too complicated for your readers. I disagree. It is very simple. And rather than it being "new", as Earl had to say to get it in, it is my work of 12 years ago. New today. When Earl had the dubious Nurse Bell story I told him to read Shaw in Whitewash by using the index on the same story, the metal missing and Connally.

Among the many who phoned me is one interested in de-Mohrenschildt. I then warned that there are those he left behind who can sue. I could make one very strong case out against The Enquirer.

Here I was interrupted by a call from a west-coast reporter who has been more or less in touch with Laran Hall. I have made no effort to do this. One of the files I have not had a chance to refile since Rod was here is the transcript of my 2/68 interviews with him.

Hall is scared. He is about to hide. He has been threatened. The repetition of the threat to me is credible. I know the basis that can be very, very real. I'm streamlining the story but it appears that A.J. Weberman, about whom I cautioned you before supertime, called him on a new unlisted number and offered him \$25,000, saying he represented the Enquirer. And that there had been \$10,000 for Oltmans and there is more where the 25 is.

The House committee had sought to approach Hall through my friend. But he had not given them Hall's number.

The name used on the threat, one of a number of menacing calls, to my knowledge is the right name to scare Hall more than you will imagine. My knowledge is years old. The person not only has reason to want Hall permanently silenced - he had capabilities.

There are reasons for having an interest in Hall. The whores and self-seekers and nuts are not likely to be aware. Perhaps by accident they are. But after what happened to de Mohrenschildt, and especially if the Enquirer put out money on Oltmans and his tales, as anything happens to Hall I can see his survivors in court asking for very much money. As without being a lawyer I can see de Mohrenschildt's doing. That was a crazy piece. It does cross the line in many ways.

Before the Tatler folds Hall files a 7-figure suit against it.

Here is where I decided I'd better phone you.

If I had not feared that you or one of my other friends might be involved in this silly stuff I'd not have phoned.

What I phoned about is two things I forgot. I had laid them aside to discuss with you yesterday and forgot them tonight after a long day away.

One is some very interesting work on the "Hunt" letter by my friend Howard Roffman, the other follows on what I proposed to Ron on Edward J. Epstein.

Howard sent me a copy of a story in a "alm" each paper with Epstein's picture and that of an unidentified young woman.

Her face is familiar and I connect her with what for me is the other side. It is my information, as I told Ron, that Epstein has a \$500,000 advance for a finking book.

The government had made him rich and sort of famous.

Howard made an amateur study of the Oswald signature on the "Hunt" letter. He received on ~~Friday~~ from Mexico about the time I did. I looked at the Oswald signature and decided it was not real. I also wanted a handwriting expert to go over this but lacked the money that those of heavy money and mouths to match could have put up in 1975 and did not when I offered it.

I have copies of Oswald signatures the government did not have and some I have just obtained, poor copies, that the Commission did not have.

I never believed this was real until the FBI told Wendell Rawls of the New York Times that it was. This was Friday, 4/1/77. Then I did much thinking about it.

As I told Donald tonight I think there could be a story in why the FBI lied about this is experts agree they did lie.

On your H.L.Hunt story, if anyone had checked with me I have a first-person account from a friend who not only arranged the old man's departure from Dallas but gave me the whole story. You'd never guess what set it afoot. And it was not on the old man's or the FBI's initiative.

This business of your people having anything to do with a maniac like Eberman makes me uneasy. As you know I have been dealing on a basis of trust with no notion that anything this irrational was co-existing. I therefore have to ask that the records Ron took back stay with you and that they not be made available to any of the odd types who have come into this field, particularly Weberman. What they obtain on their own, even if identical, is a different matter.

Except for the 201 record, which is questionable except in Enquirer terms, there is none of this major effort that is new. From what I've heard if Pope learns this he will not be happy. The Enquirer could have had that and much more if it had accepted your proposal of so very long ago. That record was not just released. I can see a different story in it, now that the Enquirer has used this one.

Others coming from it. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Like when he was in New Orleans Oswald worked for a CIA company, Reilly Coffee.

But one wonders who isn't. Just this week I received some new records that just about say- and other records of the past do say - that the woman who interviewed Oswald in Moscow and is writing Marina's story also was a government person, CIA and State. She is the wife of the man - did you guess it? - who wrote the newest of the Ray Did It books, George McMillan. She is Priscilla Post (like in Toasties) Johnson McMillan. She also translated Svetlana's book.

Before I forget, the committee staffer interested in Hall is Fenton. He is really an expert. He had never heard of Odio.

I don't know how much the Enquirer paid for the Ray garbage much of which, while in direct quotes, I'm sure he did not say. But I can tell you that it was all public domain, where not b.s., in court records. Please excuse the type. Benn at long day.