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Dear Mr. Salisbury,

Thanks for your letter of 1/8. When I am in New York, I certainly will phone. If I know in advance, I'll write.

The second paragraph baffles me. I have never spoken to Mr. Lewis, that I know of, and am confident I never met him. The first time I went to your Washington bureau to speak of this he was, I am pretty certain, already in London. I then spoke only to Tom Wicker. Later, I spoke to Fred Graham.

Since writing you I have obtained a copy of the Sparrow piece. It is more outrageously dishonest than I thought. Because of his reputation and the manner of his writing-as though he were telling the truth and as though he knew it - I can understand Lewis' being persuaded.

That every paper seems to have missed the (to me) real significance of the Hoche letter is disappointing.

Should those of your people working on the story be interested in more on Thornley (and I know more than is in Oswald in New Orleans), the material on pages 90-2 and 124 may be of value. Thornley knew Oswald in New Orleans, right before the assassination. They were out together socially. I know someone to whom Thornley introduced Oswald.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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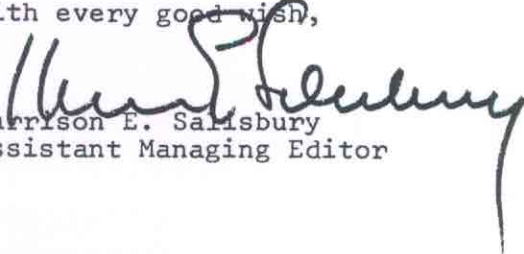
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have in hand your letter of January 4. I appreciate the remark you make about The Times and I am sorry that we did not manage to quote you after Michael Kaufman got you on the telephone. I hope that we have better luck next time.

I know that you and Mr. Lewis have long been at odds, and I suppose that it's not likely that there is much chance of abridging that gap.

Do give me a ring or drop me a note the next time you are coming in to New York. I'll be delighted to see you.

With every good wish,


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