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Dear Fred and,

(And the and is important-all of them),

Your envelope of pictures arrived, I presume today, but I cannot be sure for I have not been able to get to the post office for several days and do not know which of the registered packages came earlier.

Got back from New Orleans Monday, the day one of Jim's stuff arrived. I've been working with him, rather intensively, until today, when he left. We went out on several rather productive investigations. With my wife laid up, I was also hostess, so the days were ~~shortened~~ lengthened by that added chore. In short, I'm tired, and the accumulation of three weeks is stacked up, waiting and discouraging.

It was late this afternoon when I got the envelope. I immediately phoned an acquaintance on a major publication to see if I can interest them. He was gone for the day. I'll keep you posted. I am impressed by the overlay and think maybe we can do something with it.

From now on I strongly urge that nothing not known to be directly related to the pending Shaw case alone be sent directly to Jim, for the confusion there is beyond belief. I spent 11 days there and didn't see him the last five. He was so busy and so tired. So, I've had to write 40 pages of memos on what I did when I was there, and I've had to stop without finishing.

I think it is better that we funnel things in a more organized way for a number of reasons. The most obvious one is that there is no one there to coordinate the material. Most of it gets in the files without the staff knowing what it has. Also, the staff is now smaller. When I am out there again, I'll explain further. Here, when things are sent there by live messengers, the only identification of the material is usually with the messenger, and those who have done the work remain unknown. This, among other things, does not build their reputations and with that confidence in them. Along this line, I also encourage each one to put his name on his work.

On the Thornley picture, first, what is your opinion and second, ~~xxxxxxx~~ my apologies for not being more clear. I did not intend a board on Oswald. I meant how much could Thornley have looked like the customarily next Oswald?

It had not been my intention to go to New Orleans this trip, for I get further behind with each departure from the work I have scheduled. Also, I am now trying to do more coordinating. However, it now seems that the original investigations I have been conducting may soon require another trip in the near future. If I can I'll keep all of you posted so I can try and bring what you are doing to proper attention.

My hasty thanks and fond regards to you all. I'll be sending some new material out soon-soon as I can get to it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg