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May 15, 1968

Mr. Jim Garrison  
District Attorney  
State of Louisiana  
2700 Tulane Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Garrison:

Attached is correspondence relating to retouching I did on a photograph of Kerry Thornley as requested by Harold Weisburg under your letterhead.

My letter to Harold Weisburg of May 8th explains the subject matter at hand and my subsequent meeting with David Lifton. Mr. Lifton contacted Kerry Thornley's attorney and he called me Saturday afternoon, May 11th. Mr. Levine urged me to make Harold Weisburg's letter of March 12th available to him to use in Kerry's defense.

I asked Mr. Levine's assurance that this letter would only be used in a courtroom and not as pre-trial publicity. And I also told him that I felt the job I had done could not be construed as photographic retouching. I felt that the only way to settle this matter would be to send Mr. Levine a copy of Mr. Weisburg's letter and the retouched photograph.

It is not my intention to embarrass either your office or Harold Weisburg by co-operating with Mr. Levine.

Sincerely,

FRED T. NEWCOMB

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JIM GARRISON  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

March 12, 1968

Mr. Fred Newcomb  
4640 Noble Avenue  
Sherman Oaks, California

Dear Fred:

Enclosed are four sets of pictures of Kerry Thornley printed backwards but otherwise entirely untouched. My purpose was to emphasize the resemblance to Oswald and his receding hairline, which when his hair is combed the opposite of his normal fashion is quite emphatic.

What I would like you to do with one of each pair is pretend you were a make-up man doing the minimum necessary to make Thornley look as much as possible like Oswald as for example by pruning off or brushing back the forelock, trimming the eyebrows, shadowing the chin, etc. I would like you to keep one pair for your use out there, send one pair to me and the other two to Jim Garrison, District Attorney, 2700 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, La. 70119.

Best to Marlyn and everyone else and many many thanks.

Sincerely,

HAROLD WEISBURG

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Enclosure

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May 12, 1968

Mr. Fred Newcomb  
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Dear Mr. Newcomb:

This will confirm our telephonic conversation of May 11, 1968, in regard to the case of the State of Louisiana v Kerry Thornley, during the course of which conversation I requested that you make available to me the original letter received by you, in regard to the aforesaid matter, written on the letterhead of District Attorney's Office, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, over the name of Harold Weisberg requesting that you touch up certain photographs of my client, Kerry Thornley, to make him look as much like Lee Harvey Oswald as possible. I additionally requested that you forward to me any pictures or photos of Mr. Thornley that remain in your possession that were enclosed in the aforesaid letter.

This will reconfirm my advise to you that I do not intend to use any of the materials furnished to me except in connection with defense of Mr. Thornley stemming from the pending charge or any other charge that might be forthcoming and that it is not my intention to use the forgoing to embarrass either Mr. Weisberg or Mr. Garrison unless it came to my attention that they are improperly fabricating evidence against my client.

It is necessary for me to have the original letter since a copy would not be the best evidence of its preparation and therefore inadmissible in court.

I am confident that you recognize that this letter was typed by myself since I did not feel that this request should await the arrival of my secretary on Monday.

Yours very truly

  
Arnold D. Levine

DEAR HAROLD,

LITTON REALLY IS UNBELIEVABLE! CAME  
OVER SAT SCREAMING AND I THREW HIM OUT!  
ANYWAY HE GOT MR LEVINE ON MY BACK  
SO I HAVE TO SET THINGS STRAIGHT. I HOPE  
THIS ~~STUFF~~ THING IS DROPPED AS IT'S  
REALLY A DUMB ISSUE. I SENT ONE OF  
THOSE RETOUCHED PHOTOS OF FRED  
TABLET DOWN TO LEVINE.

P.S. THANKS FOR THE PIC'S - I'LL COPY  
AND GET THEM BACK TO YOU IN A  
WEEK. OK?

BOY, AM I UPSET  
OVER THIS STUFF!