

Dear Jim,

6/6/55

Earlier this morning I finished the rough draft of what I told you I was writing about Newman's book. I ^{have it to} ~~have it to~~ read and correct and then to get someone to retype it. It is rough and it is long.

I am too feeble and there is too much I want to do to get into any kind of controversy over this. But if you are interested in knowing more before I can get it retyped, and as of now I have no one to do it, come up.

Dave also asked me about it. I showed him a few things in the book that stunned him. If you had raise the question he would have told you. I also gave him a poor copy of what you may remember years ago I dubbed The Martello Slip, I think an Oswald in New Orleans. Our copier is on the blink but I gave Dave that poor copy with the page of the book with which to compare it. I showed him so he could tell you about it a receipt Bringuier gave Philip Geraci III for some of those 50¢ bonds he sold for Bringuier. To turn that money in, Philip told me, was the reason he was there that day. And that day, he also told me, was the day Oswald was there, July 5, not August 5 as Bringuier testified. That also was not the only time Philip was there, as Bringuier implied and Newman said. Besides Philip's account to me, in the presence of his mother and at my suggestion, of the family lawyer, I have three confirmations of the Bringuier-Philip relationship. You will see, if you have not, the importance Newman gives Bringuier and that date. Why does he build on that wrong date!!!

Despite his denial, that is very much an assassination book and as does Mailer, he merely assumes that Oswald was the assassin. He goes farther and make it a Cuban job, and that on the most dubious and irrelevant basis, Duran and her alleged "sexual services" to Castro. Which were false in any event. The CIA Mexico had the local police beat her up until she confessed to that, as the CIA's own records reflect. Garro de Paz is the only confirmation and her own boyfriend/partisan wound up not believing it. But as the CIA itself that, made no difference anyway. Besides which even suspecting Cuba is irrational except to those who dream those things up and the more irrational they are the more they love the..

No, I can imagine what his Cuba book will be.

If and when you get books, will you please let me know?

And if as I suspect, this whole thing can be attractive to Jeff Morley, will you please suggest to me ^{him} that before he puts another black ~~mark~~ ^{mark} on ~~his~~ ^{his} name at the Post he come up and see me? I marked the book up as I read it ^{and} I can lay my hands on enough without access to the files in the basement, where my Geraci and Hemming tapes are. That he could credit anything Hemming says is incredible!

It was a really terrible disappointment to me!

Why don't you compare that appendix with records you have?

Best,
Herold