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Dear Lou,

A brief note to try and give you a few indications of why I've asked you to try and get copies of your and other reports for me to go over carefully.

We have just gotten deBrueys' own description of one of his large files, from which the O'Sullivan FBI interview is suppressed. It is, naturally, an OSWALD report. He is "Subject". I quote this sentence from the summary: "Subject's contacts with DAVID FERRIE set forth". And from the Archives letter to me of 12/30/69, "The FBI report of an interview in November 1963 with Frederick S. O'Sullivan is withheld from research."

I asked for page 701 of CD 7. They said it "is withheld from research at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation". But, I have a copy, and it is not properly subject to withholding. CD7:701 says two things—that your office's interest in Ferrie was not only because Jack Martin spoke to Kohlmann. It was because of Kohlmann's own knowledge of Ferrie.

Then it says this: "Kohlman stated that the District Attorney's office had received information from the intelligence unit of the New Orleans Police Department who had previously conducted inquiries regarding FERRIE's connections or Cuban activities. An unknown police officer had told the intelligence Division of the New Orleans Police Department that he was in the Civil Air Patrol with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that FERRIE knew OSWALD". After this is written "O'Sullivan".

If the deBrueys report is of the O'Sullivan interview, then it says at least that O'Sullivan knew that Ferrie and Oswald knew each other, from this summary. Your own files should show O'Sullivan said the same thing. There is no proper ground for withholding CD7:701, but it is, for one of two or for both reasons: it says your office's original interest in Ferrie was because of what Kohlman knew of him, not because of what Jack Martin said, and it says Ferrie and Oswald knew each other. Neither is grounds. Nor can the FBI O'Sullivan interview be suppressed because it might say Ferrie was queer, for that was public knowledge. Therefore, it has to be suppressed for other reasons. Hence anything from or about O'Sullivan and his knowledge can be important as bearing on a Ferrie-Oswald relationship and/or the relationship of either or both to others. Now, there was this pre-assassination intelligence unit investigation of Ferrie and of Oswald (for I've the proof that the one on Oswald was sent to the Dallas police at the moment of the assassination). Aside from our general interest in knowing all we can about the assassination and all those in any way connected with it, I do believe that these things can establish a Shaw connection or provide very good leads along this line. Were any notes or memos Kohlman may have made could be important....In addition to all of this, I am suing the government for suppressions, and include the Ferrie stuff. It is possible I can win. I expect to on at least some things. These cases go to the top of the docket, get immediate hearing. I can always make the Ferrie part a separate case, get it heard promptly. Already I have one report that cannot be suppressed to prove they are suppressing illegally, and I have records of more than twice as many Ferrie documents as they acknowledge having. There was a very, very large Ferrie FBI investigation. All aspects of this have the potential of working in your interest in the Shaw case, aside from your general interest in the subject. So, I hope you can please send me these things, and very soon, for I am not well and cannot work at the pace I used to, and I haven't even the money to go to the Archives, so I want to be able to follow this when I have to get to Washington any hurriedly,