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Dear Mrs. Porter,

I appreciate your call yesterday and what you said about those of my books you have read. But there were several things I think I forgot to tell you and two that were not in my mind and should have been that I should have asked you.

As I told you, I did use Posner's dishonest prosecutor-type case against Lee as a defense lawyer would have in the major part of Case Open that was eliminated. To begin with the publisher was anxious to have it in a hurry so he agreed to retype it, rather he said he would have it retyped in New York in the belief that would be faster and to give me a copy of the full ~~retyped~~ ^{typed} manuscript. In the end of I got most but not all of it, 792 pages, and the computer disk so I could have copies made. One friend made duplicates of those disks and they have been given to other friends. In time they will all have them printed out. The printed copy I have will be at Hood College, which also has a disk. The friend closest to you who has a disk and I think but am not sure has had it printed in a lawyer, ~~William~~ ^{William} Neichter. His address is ~~422~~ ¹³¹³ Lyndon Lane, #115, Louisville, KY 40222. Dr. Gerald Cinocchip, professor of sociology at Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, had his disk printed. Dr. David Wrone, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI 54481 also has a disk. Should you ever read the printed version insertions were made in New York that may not have been made where I had intended. If so, when you read it may be a bit jerkier.

In my records, all of which will be at Hood College here in Frederick under Dr. Gerald McKnight, professor of history, I think the great volume of them will defy access unless much time is taken. As I went over the many pages of records I got from the FBI, all of which I have kept exactly as I received them, we made duplicate copies of some for my later use or because I thought they would be of use to others. Those are in what I call my "subject" file where they are in file folders by name. When people like Posner and ~~Winstone~~ ^{Winstone} have had free access to them when it was not possible for me to see what they were doing, they may well have taken some for their own reasons even though they also had access to our copier. They and many others, so some folder may not be as complete as they were. Then there is also the "Dallas index" as it is called. That is an incomplete but very large index of the Dallas records that were sent to Washington. All were not. That is xeroxes of some 42 feet of 3x5 cards giving the identifications of the files in which each person is referred to, and using that you need look under your name only. Of the files indexed, each file drawer lists on it the records inside it by those same file numbers.

What has always interested me about Lee is where and how he learned Russian when he was a Marine, which ordinarily the Marines would not have liked, and why he really went to Russia ~~when he was~~ ^{when} before then he had a clear record of being both anti-Communist and

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anti-USSR. The KGB records reflect this and they also include a statement from your uncle in which he asked Lee to remember how well he had been treated there and not to speak against it as he had in "Minsk. I recall mentioning this to you once.

His writings, by the way, were virulently anti-Communist and anti-USSR. I made a separate file of copies of those the FBI gave me. What I wrote about his politics in Whitewash was from those of his writings the Commission published.

I do not know that Lee ever mentioned any of these things to you or ever said anything that can relate to them. But if he did I would appreciate it if you would take the time to write them for me not for any writing I can expect to do but as a record for our history.

Lee never had any money reflecting any pay for any intelligence work yet his record indicates he had some such interest, whether or not officially connected. What he wrote about the plant in which he worked ^{in Minsk} is like an intelligence report.

A book is overdue on "Oswald and the CIA." It is being written by a former army intelligence officer who is also a history professor, John Newman. I am favorably impressed by his book "JFK and Viet Nam." His source is the ~~an~~ rather large volume of CIA records from its 201 or personality profile file on Lee. That is now at the National Archives, where I cannot go to see it. All Newman told me about it when he was here is that before that file was established three CIA components had an interest in Lee. Not in the sense that he worked for them. In the sense of wanting all the information they could get on him. Before that file was established is rather early.

For whatever meaning can be given to it, when the defected KGB Yuri Nosenko was in this country and told the FBI what I refer to above about Lee's politics and what the KGB suspected and your uncle told it he said, the CIA's treatment of Nosenko changed from princely to subhuman—for three years. They pondered way so killing him, of giving him crazy, nice things like those. And before he got here part of the CIA was trying to prevent his defection. Their reasons make no sense at all. What I know of that I got from the FBI, not the CIA.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg