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Re: Crest,

Although I think it is more important than ever that we talk now, when I was in Washington yesterday, I was not able to see those from whom I might have borrowed enough money to make a trip to New York now and I cannot. If only you had been delayed a few days more! I have to go to New York right after you plan to leave.

However, there is a solution you might consider, and that is making but a single stop on your way home. There are non-stop planes from New York to Baltimore I do not know how many lines, but I have flown Allegheny, for example, and I think others also have non-stop flights). They should be fairly frequent. And I know there are non-stop planes from Baltimore to New Orleans, for after my first experience, I never went or returned any other way. There are about six of these, several in the evening. There is also a very good flight from Dulles, which is near Washington, non-stop to Washington of which I know and possibly several of which I do not know. The only one of the three nearby airports from which there are no non-stops to New Orleans is Washington National.

So, what I would like to suggest is one of two things: that you take an early plane from New York to Baltimore (Friendship Airport) and we spend the day there together, with you taking a supper flight non-stop to New Orleans, or that you take a non-stop to Baltimore, where I'll meet you and bring you here, and then, the next day, take you there for the trip home. There is a good Eastern flight about 9:30 Baltimore time which gets to New Orleans about 10:30 in the morning New Orleans time. There are earlier and later Delta non-stops to New Orleans from there. I think Delta alone has six non-stops to New Orleans.

Since last we spoke, although I have worked on many things and have brought out a book on another subject, I have continued to work on those things that interested us, and my knowledge has advanced much. In at least one way, I think it is important for you to know because one of the people involved is one who is in a position to make problems for you. He is a member of the vice squad, where you have already had trouble made for you. Here I can show you these things. At the airport I can tell you about them. I have learned much more about Perrie, whose good friend this man was. When I began to learn about the vice-squad man, the police working for Garrison would not consider it and their entire attitude changed, which gave me concern, for I knew I was right and have since gotten much proof of it. This man appeared before the Warren Commission and lied. Under oath, that is a crime, so you see it is not a matter that is not important, otherwise he would not have committed a crime for which he might be punished. And, of course, I am anxious to know what you can tell me, for with what I have learned since we last spoke, it can be even more important. The few indications you gave me over the phone seem to fit this well.

While I share your dislike for unnecessary stopping, I do it when it is necessary, even though I always seek a non-stop flight. I hope you will find it possible to make the one stop in Baltimore. If you are pressed for time, you can take an early flight out of New York, I can meet it, ~~and~~ we can spend the day together there, and you can then fly home non-stop. I am anxious to see you, and this is now the only way it is possible. Or, as I said, you can visit with us and then take a non-stop flight home. It is about an hour and a quarter from Baltimore airport to here, a little less to Dulles. If you do this, you can leave from either Dulles or Friendship, for it makes no difference to me to which airport I drive you. If you do not want to take the extra day, there may even be a later plane from

Dulles, and I could drive you from Friendship to Dulles with no trouble. It is about an hour and all superhighway. And, if you could take a little longer, taking an early non-stop from ~~to~~ New York to here and then coming to our home, the next day I could show you around Washington. Perhaps you have never done this? From this sight-seeing, I could take you in an hour or less to either Dulles or Friendship. And, if you decide you can take this little extra time from your business, I would, if you agree, try to make an appointment for you to see Congressman Boggs, who has just been fighting with the FBI. He has done a very brave thing for a politician, to tackle the FBI. On short notice it might not be possible to get to see him in person, but it might be better, busy as Congressmen are, to try and see his assistant or in Boggs' case, his son, who has been helping him in this fight and is a lawyer. It is possible that they might find what you have to say of interest and would find the time for it if I know in time to speak to them. Remember, Boggs was also a member of the Warren Commission. I have already written him to tell him how the FBI tricked him, too. But if you do this, as I think might be a good idea, we should first go over what you would say with care, for they are all busy people and we would have to decide what would interest them most, what least.

I understood the letter you wrote me before this last one, but it was not possible for me to go to New Orleans simply because of our very poor financial condition. There were even other reasons for my wanting to go, of which you do not know.

Meanwhile, I am getting to where I will soon be writing about these matters again. This time there may be interest by a large publisher. I would like to be able to include your story in that book, if you agree. I should have a decision from them before I leave New York when I go there the early part of May. My plans are not yet settled. I have to be there early on May 3, and I might have to be there May 1 or ~~May~~ 2, which is right after you leave. Aside from publishing matters, I am to be given a slight honor and make about a half-dozen TV and radio appearances with my new book, of which I would like to give you a copy. (The review in the trade paper of the publishing business says it is "pure TNT" against Hoover and the FBI.) You and I are almost alone in not being afraid to oppose them when they are wrong.

I write this early in the morning. The sun is just coming up. I'll take it to the post office so it can reach you as fast as possible, for I do hope that however you prefer you can arrange for us to meet on your way back. Please excuse my typing, which is worse than usual, because yesterday I got tri-focal glasses and I have not yet gotten used to them.

I do look forward to seeing you again.

Your friend,

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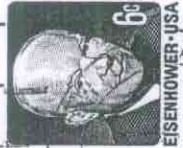
Dear Mr Weisberg:

I am going to New York City next week;  
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