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Dear Arthur,

My chief regrets at your not attending the press conference are that we didn't get a chance to say "hello" and that you didn't hear the first public playing of a really sensational tape recording that will make a valuable addition to your archive.

The conference was well attended but I doubt it was reported. CBS had two men there, from two different departments, and the AP had the two finks who mixed their syndicated whitewash. Both were conspicuously silent.

Your desire to help is welcome. Let me outline our condition and needs. In all, we are about \$30,000 in debt. Were Dell not crooked, we'd be without debt and might even have a few dollars. I'll probably wind up having to sue them. I suspect the purpose of their delay and an auxiliary purpose of the crookedness was to hurt us, slow me down or stop me. The effort to suppress is greater than ever. We owe the printer for all the cost of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, close to \$5,000.

Printing POST MORTEM will cost about \$5,000. We do not have that. I wish it were so that you could see what I have for this book (written). The documentation is really important. If you examined the appendix to PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH carefully, ~~perhaps~~ perhaps you notice what I long ago told you, that the Commission members knew only what they were wanted to know. This appendix also shows how the staff cooked it up. It is of considerable significance, I think. I cannot begin to summarize it. Well, the cost of the book will vary with the size of the appendix. I'd like to be able to include all I have that is relevant. The more I include, the more it costs. The price cannot go up or sales will go down too much. Also, the documents cannot be reproduced in the pocketbook size. The page is too small.

Now, I'm not bankrupt, or anything like that. I am worth considerably more than my debt. But it is in property that I do not want to liquidate without plenty of time to get for it what it is worth. If I can hold onto it for a couple more years, it may well be worth twice what it is today (cloverleaf property on a superhighway). It is free and clear-no mortgage.

At the moment, we are just very deep in debt for people with no income but nothing of an emergency nature. Until the bank wants some money or the printer says he needs it, we can slip by for a while. I dare say this is not immediate. He do not have to make another payment on interest to the bank until January. Oh yes, we have a dental bill of \$1,000, but he also is not pressing me and likely will not. We have known him for more than 30 years.

The printer has been wonderful. He has not once dunned us. As we got the money in the past we always paid him without prodding. However, I would very much like to pay him. I am really quite conservative in money matters, reluctant to spend what I do not have an anxious to repay what I owe. Unless I can pay him for the third book, I will be unhappy about asking him to carry me for the fifth.

May I suggest a formula for your accountants or whoever else you have to satisfy? Approach it in terms of the archive. I'm giving you everything I have-by this I mean 100%. We have never discussed this, but you'll be surprised, and I think pleasantly, at the collateral data I have for you-public attitudes, etc. Also, while I have not tallied it, I have spent a very considerable amount on documents which will be yours.

I think the unofficial archive dealing with the assassination should have a good cross-section of public attitudes, concerns, suspicions, fears, hopes, etc. I am literally saving everything for it, including my mistakes.

The tape recording alone should be of the greatest value, for it discloses what I have told you, that things were done- conclusions reached-~~xxx~~ without the knowledge of a single member of the Commission. Imagine, a conclusion in the Report and a if not the basic one on conspiracy, and it was reached in the dark of night by a single young lawyer under such pressures that he sent it and the necessary accompanying Report revisions to the Printing Office on a yellow scratch pad! Not even a typist went over it! And, as he acknowledges, it was wrong! As of now, I believe it should be one of your prize items. Also, I have a single, vital document that the officials apparently thought they purged entirely. Inquiry for it at the National Archives discloses there is not a single copy in the Commission's files. I cannot begin to estimate how many different files it should be in. It is not in one. I have it. Those who purged the files before they were sent to the Archives failed to find a single misfiled copy. That one I have. It may turn out to have tremendous significance and importance. For the moment, I'd rather say no more about it. With any kind of luck, with a major publication to get interested, it is worth a lot of money. Selling it might help me materially. However, I am not now in a position to do this, for I just cannot find the time.

Again, if it is a question of satisfying accountants, have you any idea of the great cost in time and in money to gather, after first locating, all these documents. I must have several thousand, with perhaps characteristic immodesty, I point out that all the high-priced legal, historical, medical and legal talent going over the material did not discover them or failed to detect their meaning and significance.

I hope you can make your way through the tyrographical errors, for it is evening and I must prepare for my trip. And I am very tired. Night before last I was awake until after 4 a.m. and got less than two hours sleep, and last night I was up until midnight making a phone broadcast to California.

Many, many thanks.

Sincerely,

By the way, if you heard the Jack McInerney show on WCAU, you have an idea of this tape. I used six minutes of its hour and a half. They were stunned. I hope to get a tape of that, all four hours of it.

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Dear Harold,

Sorry I got the news of your Press Conference too late and again missed seeing you.

Your "Oswald in New Orleans" just arrived and I am taking it home to read tonight.

Feel that we should come to your financial aid immediately and would like to do it in some reasonable amounts so that we will not bring down any adverse criticism from our accountants, etc.

What is your most urgent pressure financially?

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
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