

Dear Jim

2/12/77

You said that Mary has broken off with the House committee over a letter supposedly written by LHO. Perhaps this is the letter of Carl Gels' story in the Dallas Morning News of 2/6/77. You will find that this letter was also sent to me in 9/75 and I then sent you a copy with my comments and a carbon of the letter I sent Dr. S., who made no response.

You will also find a memo I wrote noting the strange timing of the sudden mail canvassing by Sr. B (as in spoof of Spock, take your choice.) He used an address that had not been Howard's for about six years then, which does seem odd because it would not have come from Howard's publisher. However, it would be the address that shows in Howard's earlier requests for information of the government, his address only through high school.

In time this correlated, as I now recall without checking files, with the leak of the non-story on the Oswald note to the FBI and the destructions by Hesty, which published in 1967; and with the insane Webermania about Hunt being one of the "tramps."

I think there is little doubt - this is a fake. The writing is not that of the real Oswald, either.

Like Penn Jones' letter to Dr. S., mine was neither returned nor answered.

If the guy could send the letter through the mails he could respond. It is not any alleged fear that deterred response, not after the widespread mailings.

I am wondering if this can be used as another device to entice the House committee be laddered around even more.

To me there is an obvious flaw in Gels' story: he did not consult any handwriting expert. There have to be some in Dallas.

Of course the FBI is going to decline comment. They want all the nonsensical stuff to receive all the attention possible. This is an essential of the continuing disinformation operations.

I will ask a friend if he has any knowledge other than is in Gels' story, of which I'll give you a copy.

Best,