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Dearaul,

I've just got on the first pages of two Bureau files origination in Phila (Field Office 105-9958), sent to Dallas, Bureau Files 105-82555. Their Warren Commission identifications are, respectively, CD 171 and CD177. They deal with the reports attributed to one John Edward Roddenberry who has a record (checks) and who claims to have met Oswald in Dallas "at famous bar and later that evening" when Oswald was in D.O. First he gave the date as in "July 1963 (CD171, dated 12/12/63) then as 7-4/63(dated 12/13). He is represented as making "almost certain" identification.

You know my interest in the apparent counterfeiting of Oswald. I wonder if you know or can learn anything about this one.

Now Ramos also interests me. Trudi Castorri had told me of a woman of this name, I had presumed it to be Ramos, who had a far-out way of dressing herself, who claimed to have been offered big money for what she knew of the assassination, and who Trudi introduced to George Butler, after which, whatever, if anything, this Ramos gal knew was never heard of again. As I remember it, she was married to a ball player.

If anything new has come to light, I'd sure like to know about it.

I also hope your own al aires are developing well. From what you sent me, you should have a good suit and your wife sure as hell is entitled to redress. It was apparent that you had done the professional part well and had an airtight case in that department. This is the kind of thing that jeopardizes everyone's basic rights, and I do hope you can, if you have not already, pursue it to a successful conclusion.

Having heard nothing from you, I havex done nothing else.

The pressures against FIVE-UP are greater than those applied to any of my earlier work, I presume because it is so definitive against Hoover, Clark and Foreman (that cat held a NY TV studio with half his makeup on when he learned he was to confront me-having flown up from Houston just to do that show). Everybody else figures the publisher was reached. My own is a lower opinion. These so-called "liberals" are a dubious bunch. In my thinking they are yellow and crooked enough in their own right not to have to be corrupted. All they need is a quiet word of advice.

Sorry there seems like no prospect of my getting there.

By the way, in strictest confidence, if you know of any far-out, real extremist types who were supplying unregistered weapons to the ultras in the south and were active in raising money for Wallace in the '68 campaign, I'd be very interested.

Good luck, thanks, and best regards,