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Dear Paul,

Thanks for your notes in answer to my questions. The percentage of informants doesn't surprise me, from my own earlier experiences investigating more than 30 years ago.

On my book: as soon as I get copies, I'll send you one, thanks. It will probably be several weeks yet. When last I heard they had not yet been bound, but the printing had been completed.

On your book, much has changed since we discussed this. I presume it is the book we discussed. While everything I then said is still correct and applicable, there is another possibility, an inside one where the returns may well be the greatest, I want to consult for you before saying much more. I phoned him and he is not at his desk. Which may be best, for reasons I'll explain.

Increasingly it is becoming the case with a book that has real potential, and the subject matter has, that the subsidiary rights are greater than what is returned by the initial hardback rights. So, I have a friend I didn't have when we discussed this, who is a vice-president of one of the three largest reprint publishers. Right now they have a book that is the best-selling work of non-fiction of all time. I think that your interest might best be served if I can get him to read it before you do anything else for a number of reasons. One is that for commercial acceptability, it may require rewriting. Another is that he may know the best agent to approach to handle it today. A great agent three years ago could be a has-been today. Another is to get a professional, inside estimate of the potential and potential value of subsidiary rights, which is one way of checking on the agent. There is much in the manner of presentation of a book that determines its return to the author, its success, its adaptability, for example, to movies, where the yield can be quite large (and here also I have a friend who can be trusted and who represents those who put up the money for making movies, having produced them himself in the past).

I have a call ~~into~~ to the publishing friend. This is the morning of their executives' meeting, and I'd rather speak to him ~~before~~ so that he can sound out the guy who really makes the decisions privately, quietly. When you are opposed to much money and influence, it is sometimes not best to attract their active opposition before it is absolutely necessary. Of course, all of this is if you are talking about the same book we ~~ja~~ once discussed.

These conferences can last a long time. I left word for him to return my call. If this doesn't last all day, I'll hear from him. It can last the entire day, for they are making their basic decisions, with much \$\$\$ involved. If he doesn't call back, I'll try him again Monday. Tuesday I have to go to Memphis, and I'll be there the rest of the week. So, if I hear anything today, I'll enclose another note. If you don't hear anything further in a couple of weeks, it is possible that with all I'm into and tired as I am, I might forget it. If I do, job me and I'll get right to it.

If, while I am in Memphis, I should want to consult a dependable local source, have you one you can recommend? I'll be at the Albert Pick beginning about supertime Tuesday, probably out all day most days, and in court Friday morning.

By the way, who is DPS? Did you mean DCS, which I could understand?

Best regards,

2/9/71

Dear Paul,

Long time no hear.

Enclosed are some clipings of interest to a friend with whom I work.

I don't know whether you have any knowledge of this or whether, if you do and it is or might be relevant, it would be of a nature you would regard as confidential. If not, let me ask a few questions.

Could Lowery have been Hosty's boy? ← *Maybe*

Is there a remote possibility that Oswald served or was intended to serve in similar capacity for the Dallas police? *yes but no record of it anywhere*

Have you any reason to believe he was once doing this for the FBI and Hosty's job was to heat him up again? *Rather believe they were trying to*

Shoe salesman in Oak Cliff is suggestive, isn't it? *recruit him as an informer.*

The remuneration is approximately what Sweatt attributed to Oswald. Did he ever tell you this story? *Yes*

That GI Forum involved a man who was badly abused and innocent, one Joe Molina. *But they won't talk about it per DA*  
*and there is a new source now an asst DA*

Lowery apparently was one of the Bureau's informants on that. Their interest baffles me. *I know tons of info on this*

Perhaps other questions will suggest themselves to you. Hope you have time to answer and that everything is going well.

Best,

*Hal*