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Dear Mr. Savage,

If there were any "inner workings" of the Garrison investigation I was not aware of them. My belief is that what tragic Jim imagined were those inner workings. He did pore endlessly over those 26 volumes, which he annotated heavily, and from that emerged endless theories, including of hidden codes the purposes of which were, to me at least, never clear.

When he was with others, particularly critics and some few of the press, it was more like bull-sessions.

I remember eating alone with him only three times and one of those times I had already eaten and just joined him for his late supper. The last time was the last time I was in New Orleans, about 1972, when I was working on the Ray case. He learned I was in town and asked me to lunch. It was formal conversation of which I recall nothing. Once or twice I was in his office with him without others around, several times with others. Several times he had a detective find me and ask me to accompany him to the airport. Once I recall he asked me to his home, to listen to part of a speech he was going to make. When I was in San Francisco he had other find me where I was speaking and make arrangements to get me to the airport so I could be, as he insisted, there when he made that speech in Los Angeles.

We were never close. I think he was uneasy because rather than getting his idea from Senator Long, who denied it to <sup>the</sup> reporter who told me, he got it from Whitewash, which is what Dean Andrews told me he gathered from Jim.

There were several times he asked me to join him and others at the New Orleans Athletic Club, which he used as a separate office in the illusion it was more secure. Once only Sciambra with with him and we had strong words. I expect <sup>ed</sup> Sciambra to jump me. Jim had broken his word to me involving some innocent young people.

There may be what does not come to mind after all these years. But if there were any inner workings, which you ask about, I was not in them and have no knowledge of them.

I do know he met often with others who I believed were more a clique than part of any kind of serious conference.

My interest when I was there was in Oswald, not Shaw. I assumed he had a case on Shaw or he would never have filed it. I learned otherwise the Sunday before the day they started impanelling the jury. I was disgusted and never entered the courtroom and soon left for home.

Sincerely,



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Sir:

I have received your letter dated August 6, 1994 and am quite sorry that we will be able to correspond. I am also sorry that you are in ill health, and I do wish you a speedy recovery.

Before we end our correspondence completely, I would like to ask you about a subject dear to my heart. For some time, I have studied the investigation of Orleans Parish District Attorney Jim Garrison. Through my indepth study of the case, I have realized that the only words of support for the Garrison investigation that I have found have come from the late district attorney himself. I understand that you went to New Orleans and viewed the inner workings of the investigation. I would be grateful if you could provide to me your opinions on the investigation and Garrison himself.

Once again, I thank you for your time, and sincerely wish you the best of health and prosperity in the future. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Truthfully yours,

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