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Dear Mr. Scally,

Your letter of May 7 with 5L note arrived a week ago but I've not had time for response. Thanks for both. I'll answer the questions as best I can in haste.

The Commission would have us believe that the "NO" after Oswald's name meant the message originated in New Orleans. I deal with this in the book. It is an explanation that cannot be credited. I think it means someone in the State Dept. originally recommended against issuance of the passport.

The man in the Altgens photo resembles both Oswald and Lovelady, in some ways, under that great magnification. Lovelady more than Oswald. However, I believe the shirt cannot be that Lovelady is said to have told the FBI he was wearing (back cover, WWII) or the one his wife said he actually wore (after index, PHOTO WW). I think both men were there, that this shirt cannot be Lovelady's, and when I consider the evidence (WW and PW) that Oswald had to have been on the first floor and could not have been on the sixth, I am willing to believe this could be him. The angle of the A photo is about 135° and would hide the place on the steps I said he was.

You have Phil Willis' address in PW, with his letterhead. I understand he now asks \$7.50 for the slides.

There is a typed index to WWII, but it costs me 20 cents a page for xeroxing here. It is 12 pages. There is one to O in NO, 20 pp., including the intended appendix that Canyon did not publish. CIA WHITE-WASH was retitled O in NO. I may eventually be able to publish the documents, but the prospects are bleak. I have three completed books I cannot afford to print and cannot get done commercially.

I think Garrison was deceived by those helping him on that aspect about Bradley. I have no reason to believe Bradley was connected with anything, but also I have no personal knowledge. I think he will never be tried on this and shouldn't be. No others have been charged. Where there are other charges they are in O in NO and Thornley has since been charged with perjury.

The large man reported carrying a rifle is one of a number seen that day in Dallas. His identity is unknown. I do not think he was Gonzalez. The government was careful not to follow any of those leads, predictably. This unusual size is that of a man figuring peripherally in the case but his name is nowhere mentioned. I know him.

I cannot promise to be prompt in responding, for I work a very long day and do have much work. In a few days I will begin writing again and will be even busier. I will try. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Many thanks for your books, which arrived last week end.
I enclose payment for these, along with completed order form.

As regards the books, I have only been able to read them quickly, but there are a few things on which I would appreciate your comments. Is the 'NO' opposite Oswald's name on the passport teletype message (Whitewash, page 200) indicative of a government informer based in New Orleans, as seems to be the case in chapter 4 of CIA Whitewash? If it is, it would explain how Oswald got his passport in such a hurry.

In the Altgens photo, I am inclined to believe that the man with his hands over his eyes is Lovelady. What do you think? The shirts seem to match, and there is some similarity in the hairline (see Whitewash II, page 250).

Could you let me have Phil Willis's address? As far as I know, the twelve slides of his which appear in volume 21 of the Hearings are for sale to the public, and I would like to get a set. I would be grateful therefore if you could give me his address.

I would like to know if and when the documents relating to CIA Whitewash are to be published by you, as suggested in Photographic Whitewash, page 295. I am particularly interested in those referring to Bertrand, Archaca Smith, Ferrie, and William Seymour. Incidentally, is there an index to Whitewash II and CIA Whitewash? If there is, I would like a copy of each.

As I understand that you have been helping Garrison in his investigation, there are a few questions I would like to ask you with reference to this part of the case. Where did Edgar Eugene Bradley fit into the conspiracy? Is there to be a trial? I have never really understood his part in the case. How many people have been charged with

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'conspiracy to kill' President Kennedy? Your replies are eagerly awaited.

Recently, in volume 24 of the Warren Commission's Hearings I found a reference to a man seen at about 11.45 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd November, '63. The reference, on page 211, is to a man with a rifle, seen near the Texaco Building on Akard Street. He was 6'5" or thereabouts, was about 250 lbs, and looked like a professional footballer. Could this have been Gonzalez?

I hope you will find time to answer this letter. I also hope that I can feel free to write to you at a later date if any further questions arise, as a result of my study of your books.

With best wishes to you and your wife, for continued success in this absorbing work,

Yours sincerely,

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