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Dear Frank,

Downer

I refer to you in this letter to Schlossman so I send you a copy.

I do hope that in your own interest but not alone in it you will rethink what you write and say and come to see that perhaps there are significant issues and matters that you entirely ignore.

Especially because so many hold you in high regard you undermine yourself and you hurt many decent people who have serious intent, have done much good.

While I share your opinion of theorizing whodunits, ~~cannot~~ you not see that serious, responsible effort has no such interest or orientation?

Are you not the theorizer, assuming guilt and lone guilt without knowing or even having tried to learn what the facts are?

It is not by any means established that Oswald ever said, "Now everyone will know who I am," but if he did, has it ever occurred to you that he could have meant anything other than you say? Why not think of what else it could have meant, particularly because there is no suggestion that he was boasting by those who attribute this to him.

None of the mature, educated and sophisticated people who knew him portray him as you picked up from the Commission's propoganda and all who did described him in the opposite manner. This is what Schlossman asked me to prepare late the night before the broadcast.

I hope you are well and happy.

Best wishes,

Harold
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