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Dear Harold,

I will be leaving for Minneapolis early tomorrow morning and am sorry that I can't make another trip down to see you and your wife. I would have liked very much to have been able to do some more work in the Archives, especially finishing up the systematic check I had begun of reports from all Southern FBI offices. Thanks for the documents you sent. Enclosed is another check to help you buy some more 3M paper.

I went through everything Hal did except one of the GA-FBI files (I forget which date) and had no other suggestions for documents to be copied. I think that it would be a waste for Paul to get the FBI GA file on microfilm. Most of it is useless and since two of us have checked it probably little would be gained by his going through it. You are the only one who might find something we missed, although I feel confident that there is nothing we missed given our current stage of knowledge and objectives. Much of the file is total garbage and will be until someone has time enough to write a detailed history of the investigation.

You are right that I was speaking of Marion Johnson when I wrote you about "Baker." (motorcycle cop in Dallas) The photo file he gave me contained some stuff from professionals (i.e. Blackstar) and much TV. None of it was particularly useful. What made me angry is that he told me all photos were in there. Notably absent was Altgens. The fact that the two other photos I wanted weren't there doesn't mean anything.

My "man" going to Alaska is looking into Murray's death. Thanks for asking Hal about the memos on N, K. I am also missing my letter from prison informant which deals with Belden. These were all in one pile that last night when I hurriedly showed them to Hal.

Glad you share my suspicions on Vince. Thanks for about the thousandth time for acting immediately when the situation warranted. While such thanks may sound silly, you are the only person who always acts fast and does the right thing. I hope to Hell that we can get a photo. If both Vinces are the same it could be very useful in a positive way, not to mention that something would have to be done.

I have been unable to get in touch with Dick Sprague which is unfortunate since I wanted to go up and see him and he had things to discuss. It's too bad I didn't see him on the second trip to Frederick.

My Cornell trip was a fiasco. I got a stomach virus which caused constant vomiting so not only was I sick but I was weak from no food and practically no water for 3 days. Furthermore, I developed intense pain in and around my bad eye. Upon return

to Phila. I went to the hospital for an eye exam and learned that the eye had re-hemorrhaged again. Furthermore, they found what may be some dialysis which can lead to retinal detachment which invariably leads to a delicate and expensive operation. Needless to say, I was a bit upset about this piece of bad luck. This will make it difficult to move out of my old apartment which I have to do as soon as I return to Minneapolis.

Elaine (the girl who did the Thornley stuff) has spent quite a bit of time alone with K.'s girlfriend. I am anxious to learn what she found out. I think that K.'s book is now finished and he looking for a typist for the manuscript. I hope that I can find a suitable one who will report to me about it.

Well, I'd better close now. Give my regards to everyone and best of luck in putting the books together.

Gary

8/31/68

Dear Gary,

Many thanks for your letter of 8/29 and the enclosure - and the kind comments. Please try and think of the file in GAI-FBI you and Hal may have missed. It must be examined and I will do it, if I do not have to wade through all the crap all over again. There is, I think, a singularly important document there. I have already sent the copy of it to you. I have other things that bear on it. It deals with agency. Here I would welcome any suspicions you may hold, too.

If I did not make clear to you why I did not send all the copies at one time, I will now. I was almost out of 3M paper. I had to postpone reordering it until I could pay for it. I have now ordered it. It is a week late getting here. I do not have it. Therefore, I must husband the few sheets remaining for urgent uses. I am also almost out of Thermofax paper. That, too, I have reordered and it, too, has not yet arrived. So, what I am doing is this: when I have something to mail to Paul, to economize on even the slight cost of postage, I copy enough to make maximum use of the stamp. What I send him I send you. I copy both simultaneously. This way, by keeping what I have not copied one place and removing what I have, I can be certain that you and Paul and his boys both have everything.

However, I should have the paper soon and I will then copy more rapidly.

I will send Paul a copy of your letter so he will know where you are, under what conditions, and your belief about that file. Hal can then see whether he is in agreement. He should be back there today. If he disagrees, we can go from there. I suspect he will not.

I take your reference to Cornell to indicate you could not see the man you hoped to.

If Hal does not have your Bolden letter, I do have a copy.

I have renewed my request of the boys in the west coast for a picture of "Vince". As of last week he was in the SF Bay area. Security on our side is so superb that he knew of my interest in a picture and the reasons for it almost as soon as I made the request, which was more than six months ago. He broached the subject to John Christien six days ago. I do hope I am wrong, but I also hope we can get a definitive answer. The picture may provide this opportunity, if I ever get it.

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~~I discussed my misgivings with Bud. He has since .~~

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interviewed a friend of N3s. I was to have been there, out of town, but could not make it. He tells me he now shares our doubts. He is coming here tomorrow to go over other material, but we will undoubtedly discuss that. I gave him the handwriting I got from you. We must get that compared. Let me know when you think you might and we'll see what there is to compare it with. Meanwhile, pending your learning what your girl Friday learned while you were livin' it up, why not try and see those two girls again, if and when you can spare the time, to see if they have recalled anything else. Write Sprague and see if he can spare a picture of Steve Wilson and show them that. It is probably not him, but why chance it? His new address is 37 Harvard drive, Hartsdale, N.Y. I'll see him in about three weeks.

I've written an addition half book length on a small part of the executive sessions. May not include it, may include a small part. It breaks into two parts. If there were the opportunity for publication, I'd expand it into a book on two subjects that do fit fairly well: Oswald as an agent and the executive sessions.

Please keep us posted about your health and progress. When you have that Thornley stuff typed up I'd like it as fast as possible. The Atlantic Monthly is supposedly doing a piece by Lifton on him/it/them. I've heard nothing new on that, do not even know if Open City printed my last letter.

Good luck and thanks,