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Dear Harold,

I called the Herrons on Monday evening hoping to find you there, but instead got to have a nice chat with Jeanine. She said that your trip to Louisiana was unbelievably chaotic and involved Jim not showing up after you made the trip from Baton Rouge to N.O. for a conference with him.

I am becoming good friends with Martin. He's very interested in wild-life and especially reptiles, and that was my first major in college and something that I know a good deal about. The film is due to be made into slides and stills by some top notch people with the best equipment available this coming Friday. I'll send you copies when I get them by registered mail. Jeanine said that my second letter arrived in N.O. and was immediately forwarded. By the way, thanks for the Post Card but someone soaked it in water before it arrived so I could barely make anything out but the postmark.

Enclosed are copies of the article on your lecture which appeared in the downtown newspaper and also a copy of the article I wrote about you which was cut down and made into a news item for the school paper. I have already sent your wife copies of everything else.

The stuff on Thornley is almost finished and I'll send copies as soon as I have time to go over it with the girl who is doing it. She's my best researcher and is spending a lot of time on it. I will also send you some new material on Thornley which is really interesting--a letter sent to Ralph Ginsberg (of FACT Magazine of course) concerning the assassination. I won't even begin to describe its contents because I think you'll find them quite unusual and I couldn't begin to paraphrase. I also have a short piece on ~~####~~ Courtney which I hope will open some doors as far as securing his help. I'm still pursuing the Arch Roberts material and trying to get some info out of him. That's an entirely different wing of the right which I haven't dealt with before. Still trying to crack KSTP's hard shell for Sprague, but the going is rough and I'm not going to panic yet because if they've ever had the BABUSKA film or know of it (and that's all it could have been from the descriptions), this is too important a thing to lose out on.

I think that I've already asked you, but have you heard of Mandrey or Horst--extremely important, looks like a very important lead unless it's already been checked out. By the way, it would be very helpful if, when you get some spare time (I guess that's pretty much a joke!), you could get Louie or someone to check and see whether they have Martin's film. If they don't I can at least get a statement from him about having sent it for the record. Furthermore, if they kept it perhaps there is more significance to it than we may think. And, last but not least, Martin would naturally like to know. Take care and give my regards to your wife.

P.S. I wrote Penn Jones &
at least 5 days after the broadcast, one woman called in for his address & book titles.
thanked him for his participation. Gary

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May 23, 1968

Dear Harold,

Sorry I haven't been in touch. You had a great effect out here and I sent copies of all clippings, etc. to your wife. I have uncovered some new material and will inform you of it when I have done some more looking into it. Enclosed are copies of my original memo to Jim and a copy of that Commission Document you borrowed to use on the air and of which you wanted a copy. I gave you the reports on Powell when I was here.

I have finally been able to arrange to have the photographic work done this coming Friday. Sorry I couldn't do any better, but it was almost impossible to find a place that would let my man use the equipment or at least observe the whole proceedings so as to see that there's no monkey business. I also got Martin to agree so everything looks OK. I'll be getting prints and slides both, and my tax refund just came so I should be able to handle the expense. Please advise as to where I should send the stuff when it is done, assuming that it will be done this coming Friday.

I trust that you got my earlier letter to you at Matt's address. Do the names Horst and Mandery mean anything to you? It's extremely important.

Kroman called me long distance the other night and talked for an hour. He claims to still be working on the case. I'll fill you in on the details sometime in the future.

The agent that my people spotted at your lecture was totally unnerved and angered at your ribbing of them--good job. He actually tore the tape out of his recorder and angrily stamped on it when you started talking about agents and the fact that they could have tapes of the speech. He was also unnerved by the ~~three~~ three old ladies who were sitting in front of him and gossiping about his hidden tape recorder.

Well, best of luck in you work and take care. I'll be in touch.

Gary

5/31/68

Dear Gary,

Your letter that Jeanine forwarded and that of 5/28 both arrived today. Jeanine told you correctly, and the effort at mollification was inadequate, although I accepted it, for what was there to gain by doing otherwise? Each time I go there I tell myself it will be the last, for there is so much other work for me to do, and each time I tell myself that I know I will go again, for there is no one else willing of those who can do what I do. I cannot afford it, but I guess I must.

My next trip, whenever it can be paid for, will make me wish you were along for I plan at least one interview with a man who was in and out of schitzo and whose mind, I believe, has since been tampered with. He is not said to have the mind of a six-year old, but his letters belie this. Also, it is possible to believe that the person of whom I told you a little may be a pathological liar. Is there a short but comprehensive non-technical treatise on this, so I can understand it better? There is nothing except slight falsehood that I can establish, the sort that is ego-building. However, in no case have I established a complete manufacture, and most of what I have been able to check out stacks beautifully. What a challenge! I am satisfied of this person's sincere liking for me and, I think, approval of what I seek. There are, if there is not fabrication, indications that hypnosis was used, under influence of a drug administered by injection and said to have been pentathol... Sometime in the future I'll want some word-association tests or forms for making them for several people who have agreed to such testing.

If I failed to tell you, they do have the Martin film. It is not the original. There are no splices that can be felt or seen, but obviously there were at least two, perhaps a third. It is not believable that Martin took so little footage of the arrest, particularly when he was not out of film. Perhaps sometime you and he can measure the footage he has? I am looking forward to getting the stills. I want the movie for next time I'm in N.C. All I want is the Oswald footage. Perhaps Martin would like the rest for himself? In that event, all I'd need is leader at both ends. If you can have this done, it is also better for me. Further, it is possible Boxley would like the Thai student sequence. He has some interest in Thai students in Dallas.

I got the card wet, by accident. The car Jim loaned me was so terrible no one in the office will drive it. The brakes pull. It was hot, and I spilled a coke. Then I forgot to mail it (and one to someone else). I mailed them both in station Rouge, somewhat the worse for wear and carrying, Saturday a.m. 5/26, after being reminded by my witness that I had forgotten them and being directed to a mailbox to mail them. Very good type witness!

The Thornley promises excite. I have yet to decide how much is there, but I am satisfied that he did perjure himself and he was part of the game. I have at least five more witnesses to interview about him, too. Plus an old one to re-interview.

No one from the office sought the Babushka or any other film at that time. Last was man who saw Martin. It would be good if he made a complete a memo as possible on his film and turning it over. Then I'll write the gov't.

I'll not read your memo for several days because I am too much on something else. However, while there is a familiar ring to Horst and Mandrey, I do not think I know the names.

The office, save for Boxley, sees no significance in the Martin film. I do. After I get the stills, I'll take it up with Jim. Probably not Andrews in it.

The need for editing and substitution demand interest and disclose content that had to be suppressed. If he is willing, I'd like Martin to execute an affidavit and I'll write Hoover directly. This is not the only such case of which I know. I'd like him to repeat what he told me, that he voluntarily gave the film to the FBI on such and such an approximate date, that it was returned such and such a date, that prior to ~~their~~ giving it to them he had spliced out certain blank film and nothing else, that the ^{film} copy returned to him had no such splices, and that the footage relating to Oswald seem shorter and lacks film showing penning from one shot to another, etc.

Thanks for the remarks and the clipping from the downtown paper. Perhaps they would be interested in story of agents?

Now that we know we have two copies of the Martin film, why not ask Patsy to try his skills on one, to see if he can make better enlargements of parts, like O'd face, those of the other men in the picture? If he does that well, I have another project, on the Oswald rifle, already done and that I wanted double checked.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,