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Dear Gary,

Please excuse brevity. Rtd 1 a.m. from fruitful, exhausting trip N.C., had all-day seminar today and again tomorrow, stacks of mail and more work than I can cope with in the next month to do immediately.

hat was in Memphis. performing brilliantly. Important work. Spoke only.

I examined commercial DCA two years ago, when I discovered it, but not frame-by-frame. Doubtful Sprague missed much. He's good.

Couple week maybe can see women 10 miles away if you'd like. But please background first. Asked Louis Ivon for copies of what you'd left and he says they have nothing at all from you. Suggest you send him list of what he should have, copies to me, and to whom you gave it. Remember, you told me when I was there that I could get copies thus. Go back to Lane. Include that. He picked a fight with one young researcher for not giving him what was for Garrison and then campaigned vs him.

When you can, if you give me the Miami ~~xxx~~ leads, I may be able to get them checked out. I've no one there now but am always finding new associates, sometimes have travelling trusted friends.

On the arrangements you are making for me: let me know what, if any, written authorization you want. Unless I have to make another hurried trip to N.C., I've no immediate commitment until the end of the week after next, approx 5/3. I may have to make a flying trip to Detroit.

If you have sources in New Orleans about Oswald or about him when he was there, and if they are dependable or can be dealt with in circumlocutions, it could be important to me right know. Ortis? The spelling "Hiedeel" makes me wonder.

Negell on way out. Don't know Rollens, Holmes. Broad ONI indications, including Benister, Perrin.

Was Oliver a complete waste. I'd expect so.

Outside rifle without sight, from Sprague, now seems to have been SEC's duplicate for photographic purposes, unless Sprague has never done, or did someone else ask that?

Do not worry about making appearances for Jim. He's too busy turning almost all down, including important ones.

Hope I didn't forget anything. When you can, will you scan the micro. list for all references to juveniles in N.C.

Hastily

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April 9, 1968

Dear Mr. Schoener:

Harold has asked me to drop you a note requesting that you send duplicates of the material you gave Lane for Garrison either to him or to Andrews Sciambra, if possible. I spoke with him yesterday and he plans to be home by late night April 15 if not earlier.

I also told him of your writing Bethell and he would check with him.

Sincerely,

Lillian Weisberg

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April 6, 1968

Dear Harold,

This is sort of an addendum to my last letter. I had to write it as fast as I could so I could get it into the mail Special Delivery. If you see Matt again, tell him that I'm sorry I couldn't get him those homosexual contacts, but when I got back East I just couldn't locate them. If you plan any trips to Miami or other parts of Florida, I have some people who should be checked out if you have the time. They could be very important since they seem to have Company connections and knew about Ruby and Oswald prior to Nov.22.

I will tell the bookstores that O in NO is available from Grove.

My week's stay with the Herons was very enjoyable and I trust him completely. They are great people and Matt is very interested in helping out, as you undoubtedly know. His knowledge of the case is not great, but he picks it up fast and could offer a lot to either you or Jim in the way of talent.

What's the deal with the DCA film? Who has examined the commercial version? I know that Penn Jones is selling it, but has anybody but Sprague carefully examined it? These questions probably sound ridiculous since you first revealed material about the film quite some time ago, but I have been trying to get a copy for quite some time now and have been unsuccessful. I've been dealing with Al Bunnell who lives in Irving and who is a past associate of DCA. They sent me a copy early this year which never arrived. Several weeks before I went to NO they sent me another one, this time insured, and it hasn't arrived. Bunnell, with whom I have spoken a number of times on the phone, and who seems honest and dependable, is disgusted with the Post Office and himself suggested that both had probably been picked off. He just sent another one, this time registered mail and refused to let me reimburse him for the postage. I simply can't understand why the govt. would grab the film unless Sprague, whose knowledge of the case is limited, is the only one to examine it carefully and make slides (if he did) of the individual frames. Harold, I know that this sounds crazy, but so is the confiscation of the two copies of the film. Furthermore, they know that when ever I write an article, am interviewed, or go on the radio I make good use of such obvious examples of federal govt, etc. activity.

I hope at some time in the near future to go see Revilo Oliver and discuss certain aspects of what he told the commission. Especially the stuff about a Colonel who had analyzed "Communist" and "Crypto-communist" sources of info and had decided that the American people were in for a great shock at Thanksgiving, prior to the assass.

For the second time in the Midlothian Mirror, Penn Jones has made an outright accusation against Decker for having planned the assassination. (In both the most recent and last weeks issue) Instead of writing an editorial, he merely put the following phrase in with the list of books available: "This assassination was arranged by deputy sheriff Bill Decker, who is still the sheriff of Dallas County." The only editorial note about this was in the issue which came out before the first issue with the above phrase in it, and that only mentioned that Jones had info that Decker had a man with a rifle on top of one of the buildings. He may also have the info I mentioned in my first magazine article which I got from Thayer Waldo via Lane--that the police had found a rifle on the depository roof but had not used it as evidence because one of Decker's men had left it there the day before. Harold, I think that someone has really set Jones up with some bad info. The first time someone approached me with info, 2 years ago, I was given info that Judy Warner, one of Ruby Strippers, had told my informant that Decker had given Ruby the gun with which Ruby shot Oswald. (In addition to failing to take Garrison copies of my work, preliminary results of work I was doing, Lane undoubtedly neglected him to give him this info. Not that it's important, but only that it's good to know what info is being planted around the country since it can help to identify false leads.) In any event, someone who is close with Penn should discuss this with him before he has a criminal libel suit on his hands.

When I was in NO I mentioned to Bethell that he was giving Jim use the incorrect title for CD 931, but since I'm sure that info never got to Jim, I mentioning it to you. When Jim first mentioned it in the Playboy interview, I pointed out to Vince that the correct title (at least according to my microfilm of the list) is "Lee Harvey Oswald's Access to Classified Information About the U-2". This difference is quite significant since several newspapers have already tried to explain away the original title on the basis that he had worked at Atsuki from which U-2's were flown. I also told him that I thought that a study of classified documents could be done and that his objection that tapes of Mark Lane which were classified showed that there was no rhyme or reason to the Archives doesn't hold up. For one thing, those tapes all come with letters from our senile & violent anti-communist, Hoover himself. Furthermore, some of those tapes are ~~##~~ contained in packages from Hoover which also contain FBI reports with the title "LHO--Int. Sec.--~~2~~" etc. in the normal fashion. The tapes inclusion in such documents may be to disguise the other memos.

Well, take care and best of luck in NO.

Gary

By the way, you might mention to Jim that at some future date I might be able to arrange a tele-lecture out here. All it would involve would be his delivering a 1 hour lecture by telephone to here where it would be broadcast, with of course, all expenses paid at this end. That way he could reach the people without ever leaving his office, and with less expenditure of time than a normal lecture.

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Dear Harold,

I got the second letter from your wife today. As for the material I gave Lane for Garrison over a year ago, it consisted of the following which I asked him to show to Garrison for whatever value it might have: 1. A list of some items from the 26 volumes which had not been mentioned in any of the books and which I thought might have been significant 2. Copies of my magazine article, my newspaper article, and the manuscript of my newspaper article with full footnoting (These were also sent to Garrison through the mail but apparently never arrived.)--the newspaper article was the only one I really cared that he see since it was the first to stress the fact that ~~the~~ persons had apparently been arrested that day at the scene of the assassination, one of whom was kept in custody after Oswald's death. I asked Lane if Garrison could subpoena Dallas Police records. 3. A brief report on my investigations into the material discussed in OE 3067. I have no more copies of my magazine article which was no good anyway, but will make copies of the newspaper series which I will send you. I'll see if I can dig up a carbon of the other tidbits from the volumes. As for the material on CE3067, my current memos contain all that info and more. The only thing which perturbs me about the situation is that if Jim had known about me and checked me out with Vince, I could have saved them considerable time and money by handling the events in this part of the country--particularly the Kroman thing. I also could have helped provide Jim with widely dispersed press outlets for some of his info. As things stand now, I've gotten some interesting info about Jim out via my magazine article and letters to the editor. My most recent radio appearances have, from the public response, made many people write to their congressmen about the treatment of the Garrison investigation by Ramsey Clark et. al.

The reference to Tom Bethell probably does not refer to me. I have never written Bethell although I have written Jim. I did speak with Bethell in NO and mentioned some things about the archives--specifically that it was my opinion that a study of the classified documents would be fruitful and that they were using an incorrect title for CD 991. Well, I'd better close now. Take Care.

Darry

P.S. DCA film (3rd copy sent registered) has not arrived!

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April 12, 1968

Dear Harold,

I don't think I've ever come across someone who is as organized and diligent about correspondence as you are. I hope to have full radio and hopefully TV appearances lined up plus at least one major lecture in a week or so and will then submit it to you and see if you're interested.

As for the lead you sent me to check out, this is the info which I have been working on for 2 years or so. Get a copy of my first memo to Garrison, the addendum to that memo, and the most recent material I sent him. They contain a complete report on the info in Commission Exhibit 3067 which you cited in your letter. This is the only lead which I have followed out which has really led to something significant. You might be interested in knowing, by the way, that the daughter now lives within about 10 miles of your home. I am still in contact with the woman involved and she has given me, as you can find out from the memo, some very interesting info. The Cubans I was spending my time checking on in New Orleans were possibly connected with this, but after investigating I ruled it out. If you plan to be in Miami in the near future, or elsewhere in Florida, I may have some leads to work on if you have the time.

As for other things, I'm still drawing blanks on my old homosexual contacts, so I suppose Matt will have to go at it alone. I understand from Vince that he is currently in Memphis. That whole thing smells. The getaway car and getaway which "never happened". The dumb-dumb bullet in the neck doing just what the one that hit JFK probably did. The new closed-mouth policy of the police. Ramsey Clark's announcement that there was no conspiracy. Even the suggestion that there were two rifles, and the attempts to keep anyone from photographing the rifle. Well, it's almost too depressing to think about. Chris Kefalos is going down there and Vince may follow.

I still haven't gotten the 3rd copy of the DCA film--the one they sent registered. If it doesn't arrive, I'm going on the radio and blast the hell out of them. This really begins to make one wonder.

Well, I won't waste any more of your time with my idle rambling. Take care and thank you wife for rushing that letter to me. Stay well and perhaps I'll see you when I come back East to finish up some investigating.

Gay

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April 8, 1968

Mr. Gary Schoener
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Dear Mr. Schoener:

Your letter of April 6 arrived today. When Harold called from NO today, I told him of it and he asked me to acknowledge.

He says he has no plans for going there unless you are able to arrange speaking; Although he would like better compensation, he will go for the \$300~~00~~ you mention plus expenses;

He also asked that I send you the following information with the request that you try to check it out, if possible:

...~~the episode~~ in pennsylvania. It is recounted in Vol. XXVI, starting on p.652. The woman who found the objects is Margaret Kathryn Hoover of Martinsburg, Pa. Her daughter (who substantiated the story and then backtracked on it) is Margaret Kay Kauffman.
I hope the fellow that you are handing this over to has access to the WC volumes because I can't imagine copying all this fine print. I have to read it with a magnifying glass, myself.

I am sorry if this sounds abrupt or disconnected, and hope that you will be able to solve any ambiguities.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 1968

Dear Harold,

It was good to hear from you. You're right about the \$10--sorry to have wasted your time with the mixup. The period of time prior to my leaving for NO was so hectic that I forgot that I had sent you a check for \$20, as my bank statement just verified. Keep the rest--I'm sure I'll be ordering more books from you in the future. At least one major book store now has O in NO prominently displayed. I'm afraid that you'll probably have to ask them for copies of the memos. None of the new info is urgent, but I'll send you copies as soon as it is typed out. What it consists of is the following:

1. Taped interview with the witness mentioned in my second memo which includes a few corrections on the previous material and some interesting info, which, although not usable as evidence, suggests CIA connections in a more direct fashion than my earlier info and also the possible of double Oswald activity the week following the assassination. It also adds one suspect to the list.

2. A dollar bill with notations on it in Oswald's handwriting including a date and the names "Hiedeel" and "L Oswald". I will send photos. The source, Jose Ortiz, I am in the process of checking out. I think that in two weeks time I can tell whether he's for real or Company.

Agent activity is at an all time high--probably due to my grip to NO. Kroman's female associate, who still won't meet with me, has been providing info. I'm sure she's company. Still trying to locate Frank Savage of Naval Intelligence who has worked with Kroman. Rita Rollens, aka Lola Belle Holmes, was out here posing as an agent of TACT.

If you're coming out here for an interview perhaps I can do it for you and send tapes. I'm an experienced interviewer since I interview patients everyday with the task at putting them at their ease in order to get at hidden information. Furthermore, although my contributions to the case have been few, I have been working on it since late 1964 and know the material as well as probably anyone but yourself. Keep the offer in mind--it will save time and money. By the way, one of my main gripes about Lane is that I sent info to Garrison with him and he never gave it to Jim. It is not surprising that when I was around the office I was treated like some college kid who was just interested in the case and had dropped in for a week. I wrote a series of articles which appeared in the Minneapolis-Star Tribune early in 1967 and have also written articles for smaller papers and magazines. I have made radio appearances since early 1967. If Lane had taken this info down I wouldn't have been introduced around the office as a co-author of the recent Salandria article. The reason that this bothers me is that I was down there for a week and could have given them a lot of work on at least unclassified matters. I certainly know more about the case (26 volumes, archives, etc.) than anyone else in the office except Jim. I

hope you are following this. While I haven't written any books, as Vince Salandria could tell you, I'm scarcely a newcomer and can certainly contribute more than sightseeing in NO.

If you're coming out to see Galt, please consider letting me talk with him, since I have mutual friends with him. Galt has just returned from Springfield in which he was incarcerated, and he has talked with either Nagall or Bolden. By the way, I'm setting up what may be a permanent communications network with Springfield and will fill you in when it's put together.

I intend to get you as much money as possible. Lane came out here for \$500 without expenses because that was all I could get. (I made all of the arrangements my self including long distance calls because the people out here weren't that interested.) As it turned out, there was incredible publicity and overflow crowds as large as 300 people who stayed outside to listen to a loudspeaker. Right now, the best I can do looks like about \$300 plus expenses, but I'll do my best to do better than that. All I can promise is a receptive audience and as much time as can be arranged on radio and TV. I will personally write an article about you in the college newspaper which has a circulation of 35,000 and in the weeks following your speech the local radio station will replay complete tapes of your speech and question session afterwards. When I figure out the exact terms, I'll call or write you and see if you think that it's worth your time. I've already told the locals that I feel pretty low not conveying an offer of more money since you're certainly worth it, and that it may not be enough to lure you away from your important investigative duties.

Well, I've got to close now. Take care.

Gary