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Dear Harold,

It is good that you corrected the address on my letters to you. They were mailed by my secretary who had only your old address. That has since been corrected. It is good to keep track of such things, because, as you suggested, it might have indicated that I had never gotten your letters.

It's very generous of you to send me the books at such a low price. Ever since I got involved in this thing I've been broke, and on several occasions it has interfered with important work since I had no collateral on which to take out a loan. But if I remember correctly, you are about \$30,000 in debt. It's an unusual situation when one's financial status varies inversely with one's contribution to something.

As for Jaffe and the material on Kroman, Jaffe was due this past weekend but didn't come out. Steve Burton had written me that he would be out sometime in the near future and then Kroman volunteered that he was coming this past weekend over the phone and then his lawyer told me the # and time of the flight over the phone so I figured it was no secret. (I was a bit surprised that he was not keeping his movements secret, but decided that perhaps he figured that it was useless.) Kroman was talking about how careless Jaffe was in telegraphing news of his coming to Kroman's brother. I decided to call Burton (since I don't trust Kroman) and get Jaffe's description so I would be sure who I was dealing with. Burton seemed disturbed and said that Jaffe wasn't coming because word had gotten out about his trip here and he keeps his travels secret. At any rate the whole thing is confused.

However, as I told you, I have info on Kroman which is very important and which no one else could have. I will send it to anyone like you who will send me a mail-drop address through Burton. I hope Jaffe gets here soon since I have some other info he should have, although

my lengthy investigation into the Anti-Castro Cuban--Oswald--Ruby link is far from complete. One of the ironies of the whole thing is that after looking for one of the witnesses for over 2 years, I arrived 1 month too late to keep her from sending some physical evidence she had to Garrison through the mail. Vince Salandria got word to Garrison about it, but naturally it never arrived.

the assassination itself

I reread the epilogue of WW II and pages 8-9 of Photo WW and found no disagreement with my views. Lane, of course, usurped your well made point in his Playboy interview, although he did not present it as clearly. In your book you make clear charges against Johnson for adding in, and perhaps guiding, suppression of the evidence. But the cover of Ramparts, which many who do not read the article will read, seems to suggest that Johnson was behind it in no uncertain terms. Although I didn't read it that way, practically every one I've talked to did. Many were shocked by the statement "Who controls the CIA?" and even the statement "Who controls the FBI?" It is this realm where I think we must be careful, since it may very well be pressures from the CIA and military which are the final re-assurance against Johnson having the case re-opened. I certainly agree that when properly done this is not a red herring, but it needs to be properly done in the near future. The article I am co-authoring with Vince Salandria and Tom Kaitin ("The Kennedy Assassination: A Study in Power") does not deal with this since it is quite long already.

It's too bad you won't be in Chicago over the weekend since I would have probably tried to drive down and see you and give you my info. My room was searched again but they didn't get anything important, but one of these days I'll be caught napping. Ironically, I was in Frederick this summer but didn't try to visit you since my presence there had to be kept a secret. Well, take it easy and best of luck.

Sincerely,

Gay

2/21/68

Dear Gary,

I'm working as close to possible around the clock to try and get caught up. Missed your 1/28 letter yesterday.

I encourage you to use registered mail. It is pretty safe, especially if you personally watch them seal it. It is required to be kept under lock and key.

There is such a thing as crippling ourselves by an excess of security. There is a point where it is better to let the otherside know what we know than to deny ourselves essential knowledge.

I encourage you to send whatever is important to me, for I have safe ways of getting things to Garrison and others. I am expecting one of the lawyers to work with me next week and can make personal delivery.

Whether you know it or not, Jaffe has information from Kroman. I believe he did see him. If it is for real, it is very important. If there is any reason for suspecting Kroman, including his rationality, we should know it as fast as possible.

At the risk of sounding like I am trying to horn in, which I am not, I want you to know that things that do reach the Garrison office get lost there. Last night I had a long phone conversation with him. He was unaware of memos I wrote and left for him when last I was there, and every since they have been knocking themselves out trying to get the information I had no trouble getting through my own sources and they could not. So, I can, when I am in personal touch, be sure that these things get his attention. He has been working very hard and is feeling the strain. Therefore, it is also possible some of the staff are trying to ease his burden and he thus is uninformed. I leave it to you, but I encourage you to get to him what you want through me.

Hurriedly,

Harold Weisberg