Schweiker, cc's to Hart and Church

Not sent. answered p 1 right

Dear Dick,

I am again less than happy to have been 100% correct in my October forecast of how the major emdia would greet your report. I caught all three nets last night and this morning and I've read Lardner's Post story.

If you are under attack and can use help, as you certainly could have in your report from Lardner's story, there is some I can provide, specifics the existence of which are not indicated in Lardner's account. FBI back-channels, for example, with the account in private for Hoover through Rosen and the different account for the Commission. You should remember another from Oswald in New Orleans in which I quote the records and thereafter conducted a personal investigation with the world's only witnesses both on tape, not clandestinely.

You do appear to have been conned by the CIA. I hope I'm wrong. If I am not, your staff did not include competent analysts and your investigation did not include an evaluation of the authors. In the set of ~~those~~ your refer to records I have the names are masked but not unknown.

I have another purpose in writing, to ask two questions and to ask them also of Senators Church and Hart by carbons of this letter.

The thrust of the report seems to be based on an assumption of Oswald's guilt as the assassin. The explicit language seems to be that you found no proof of ~~a~~ conspiracy. I therefore ask all three of you for the record and for the archive I will leave: did you conduct an investigation of either, 1/ Oswald's guilt or of conspiracy and if so what tangible evidence of a homicide you found and considered.

If the answer is that you did not conduct a real investigation of these questions of fact, not opinion, I then ask why you found it necessary to say anything about either.

You will remember that Last October I offered you all my original documents relating to these questions and said I would not even ask you to credit them as my work.

I do not hide my sorry ever what could have been and wasn't, ~~and~~ my disappointment that a President can be killed, with all that means to a country like ours, and that in all these years ~~and~~ no institution of any branch of government ever once addressed the basic evidence in any homicide. ~~in all these years~~

Please prove me wrong!

Sincerely