Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
473-6186

12/22/68

Mr. Alan Dale
WOAI Radio
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Alan,

As I promised when we spoke, here are those Secret Service reports I now have on their interview with Mrs. John Tarpley and her observations. There should be more in the files. I haven't dug it out yet. If and when I do, I'll send it to you automatically.

It is possible they Tarpleys may have seen the New Orleans report, stamped "WCE". This is what the Secret Service calls its "control number". For reasons having no connection with Mrs. Tarpley and her observations and opinions, this was printed in the supplemental volumes, where it is Exhibit 1185, beginning on Page 187 of Volume XX. There is it illegible. The copy herewith is only slightly better. I can bring these things out a little by excessive overexposure on a 3M machine. I doubt if she or her husband have seen the one by Bearsden. It was not printed. With all these thousands of pages, where there is so much trash, leaving such information out of evidence and history does not encourage belief in the innocence of the inquiry.

If there is any way you can help with this, it will be appreciated. The confusion between the networks we have discussed. It would be good to see if Mrs. Tarpley recalls she was looking at your affiliate. In fact, I think one of the best things would be to let her read these reports and make any comment she'd like. If you could tape it for me, fine. Any comment she might have to make could be valuable. Sometimes it is but a single word that offers a real clue.

If there is any way in which she can expand the information in these reports, that, too, would be helpful. If she recalls anything that was omitted (unfortunately, not an uncommon practice), it might very well have significance.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. While for the moment I think it would be better were there no publicity, perhaps we might all get on the phone together and you could have it in the can for when publicity might not adversely effect the discovery of what did happen. When I am in New Orleans, which I anticipate will be shortly before the trial, maybe I can fly over.

Again, many thanks. Hope you have a good holiday and a fine year.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg