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Dear Hal,

Before I get deep into today's work, I want to thank you for the helpful call. I've initiated a check on the pre-assassination speech but do not expect to be able to push it for a while. I'm busier than ever, but I've had to extend my sleep to between five and six hours a night, so my output is down. The number of phone broadcasts has been very high the past two weeks, and that, too, has clogged the assembly line.

Temporarily I've had to lay III aside. I hope to be back on it and have it out in six-eight weeks, as well as I can now plan. We have more than 1,200 orders for it but with my continuing researches it had grown to the point where the more copies I sold the more I lost. I've also laid aside Manchester Machiavelli, even though I have a commercial publisher for it and 25% of it drafted and in his hands. He agrees I should do the book I'm working on. He is small and understands why I have not made a formal offer to him of what I'm rushing, the New Orleans story - and I'm saying nothing about this because I am continuing researches while I write and there is more material available. I've got it perhaps two-thirds in rough draft.

The tentative title is CONSPIRACY. I haven't decided on the subtitle because I don't want it too long. I want to mention either Oswald or assassination together with Cuban refugees and CIA. But CIA I will have in it.

Here there is a remote possibility you might be able to help, hence this letter. You know the names in this chapter of II. If there is any additional information you can get to me fast on any of them or the refugee groups involved it could be very helpful in having a more complete story in a rushed book. I am particularly interested in Masferex, Sergio Aracacha Smith, Bringuier (who also made a speaking tour under Sam Hargis' auspices. I now have the record. Thanks), JURE, DRE, Cuban Revolutionary Council, Guy Bennister, of course, Ferris and his earlier Cuban activity, back in not later than 1961, Juan Martin, the supposedly Uruguayan munitions merchant who ran a laundromat in Dallas, Rogelio Cisneros, Rudolph Richard (Ricardo) Davis (who apparently ran the Christian Democratic Movement's New Orleans Training Camp in New Orleans in 1963 - and any info, including news clips that I cannot go to the library to search for on its exposure in late July 63), Victor Panegow, Gus and Frank LeBarre, Joseph Mills, Leodovino Interian, Fernando Fernandez (consider by the rightists a Castro spy), one Torres (Fernandez' metronymic is Barcena), James Lewallen, and anyone or thing else that you or those you know may think is involved. Particularly valuable could be newspaper stories about this and Florida camps, munitions, attacks on Cuba, etc. I know you also have little time and perhaps cannot do anything. But I think I have enough for any little addition to be of potential great value.

I've taken time for nothing, no letters not vital. I haven't even written the professors in BC, much as I'd like an engagement that would get me out on the west coast again. This book will really tell a Liebel story, and any public statements he makes or has made of this could be useful. He is the responsible one on the staff on this aspect of the story, I'm satisfied. If you hear from him, I think I can do it in 6-8 weeks, and again I'll have something I think he'll not be able to get elsewhere. I've had no time to check for "Liberty" but I have something good on Similes for III for which I'll want it....Can you give Stanley a call and tell him how much of what is coming out of NO is in both books, Chs. 11 and 7, with also refs to pp 19 and 50 of II? He's on the Examiner. Also Ben Williams KPIX, Louis Freeman KDLA and any others for whom you might have time. There are few of my books out there so the address would be an important mention....Ferris is but one of more than a half-dozen homosexuals in this story...Two other characters, Ferris pals, are Beau-Boer and John L(ayton) Mattens...Regards to all,

WOT LeBarre