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Dear Hal,

your very interesting ltr 9/1 w ry interesting enclosures arr this a.m. Dropping everyting to respond. Hal, Howard, Seymour pix seem like LIFE's, which Fillings showed. They are not familiar to "astorrrs....Cuban exciting, recalling gan for fist-city, etc. More on epileptic. Cubans seen, seemingly involved in it. Sprague has found pictures of arrest nr TSBD! Not, apparently, Del-Twx or reincoest-nan arrests, either. I'll check this with him when I'm in NYC, soon, I hope, or by phone. Considering their remote generation, your friend did well. Many thanks to both.

APbooklet has other advantages, glad to have. Will try and get more. You are right in pr suming U.S. tax money went into it, and the right time one of us should ask these people if they're tax deducting.

Morgan: I gave him tape. He is making a copy, or has made, and after a copy if made for someone else, I'll have it back. Glad to get complete transcript. I made about 600 words only, what I use in O in NO.

On Meiswinkel. good lead. I'll try and follow down right time. I'll be in DC before 9/14! Date Kupferman 9/13. Can your class check name in hrgs which give names many O's Marine-Corps mates? I think we have the essence of what this man can say. I'll assume M stays at Shoreham, but maybe he'll be at a different hotel and after he leaves you can call and learn.

Is it correct to assume that all the data in the memo comes from Taber (I've loaned my copy of his book and it never came back. If you ever see one, please grab it for me.)

I had never seen the Leopold Ramos Ducos mention before. It is exciting, especially because of the cool reference to the unnamed Odio! However, I believe it more likely that the man was Lorenzo, not Leopoldo, and not Angelo, but Alonzo, as you will see in O in N.O. I recall no one ever mentioning this, so I think you alone noted it. However, Tom Bethell really ransacked the archive on all aspects of this, and, I believe, if there was anything to go on he has it for Garrison.

Now that you have the bibliography, you can order from it directly by including 20 cents for each page you order or by keeping a deposit on file to cover.

I am unwilling to discount what you quote Phelan as having told Lane, for I have heard rumors not inconsistent with it. This is no reason for suspending work, for what they happens must not be improvised or uncontrolled. It is one of several reason I cannot stop or slow down. I discussed other aspects of this with you. The Report is rapidly becoming entirely untenable, despite the dishonest effort to support it. Nobody believes it any more. The Garrison case can fail and still succeed, for if he gets into evl once only what I have given him in O in N.O., it will be staggering. My analysis may be incorrect, but I think Bobby K was sold a bill of goods, that NBC has been worming with him (Sheridan, etc), that Phelan is part of this. I do not think NEK knows anything he hasn't been told by those he foolishly but logically trusts. I think that after the elections and before the national elections is the most likely time, the closer to these elections the less effect on 68. Keep me posted on this.

What you say of the new book Lane is good excites. That could be an important contribution. Particularly if Holt does the promotional job they can. I doubt they will. I would not argue with his opinion CBS may come out "much guiltier". This represents, is anything, a change in his thinking about the Commission members. There is no doubt CBS knew better, from what I know. They did that awful thing deliberately. I sent you today what I had prepared to ultimately give them, then FCC, and suggestions, im edietely, while I have a little typing help, can be valuable. That Selant-son story is probably tue. I have heard a similar one from one of the CBS staff. The stuff on the testing is similar to what Sylvia Meagher learned. I think it is possible that some of the CBS staff, outraged as they were, may have leaked some of this to those

of us they could see in person. What you say is consistent with what S told me.

Your paragraph on CBS and O as agent is probably true. I offered Richter everything I had, told him much, and offered Xeroxing access to O in NO. I told him pretty strongly what I did have, and he did some of his one Archives work (that is where I met him). He also came here, and I sent him to others. I also recommended you but he apparently did not go to "risco."

What you say of Epstein is consistent with what I've been saying. I've seen nothing to change what I told you, only confirmation. I think I broke up a play under which he would have seen the six and Kregs and said they prove everything. I think RPK people gave him what he wrote in Commentary on Manchester.

Enclosed is a less expensive order form-brochure I'm had mimeographed. These cost a lot less, if they will do. Otherwise, I can have more of the printed ones made. If you think the difference worthwhile, I will. Perhaps for radio-TV showing you'll really want the other. I'll send some of them separately for this purpose. I am almost out of them.

I wonder if the French reporter thing is one of the inaccurate references to the Hughes film that I quote in PW. The difference is in the sailor, or in the official handling to make it seem this way.

Allman is the correct spelling. He is still in Dallas, not newspapering. Gled to know he has this tape. I thought he was in the motorcade. He is the one who had the crew cut of which Oswald spoke, I'm confident, not MacNeil, as Manchester says. What you have on that could be important. Allman is reluctant to talk now, but anything on that epileptic Garrison would want, I'm sure. Can you send me whatever you have.

Giarrusso doesn't know what he is talking about. O went to police before he did anything but never got permit. There is no evidence of which I know that any of these people knew O until he surfaced, voluntarily. There was no "exposure" other than by O himself. I don't have the Bircher story, but Taylor has said similar things in his column. But if this is true, Bringuier is a perjurer. I'd like proof. There is no indication of which I know that it is true, or that B of Butler knew of or spoke to O prior to his 8/9/63 operation. The Martello quote is in the documents. True INCA has the O debate tape. They made it. I've got the stuff on this in O in N.O.

Did hear from Paul. Dherman death figures in story, through discoverer, I believe. I've forgotten now. It was in N.O. papers. Ochsner is far to right, haven for them. I know R was at Stanford. I saw a copy of an interview with him that I should have but didn't get the copy of and allude to in O in NO. I am skeptical of some of that memo, as you will see in book.

Looking forward to being able to pay a little on debts and getting out there. I'd like to start about 2 wks after O in NO is out so stores can have. Plan Chicago, Salt Lake City, SF, LA stops, want to include NO and St Louis, possible Denver. I'll be in Phila 9/19 and hope some one questions me about Specter, either when I speak at the Suburban Jewish Community Center or on radio, if I am, or from papers. I've called him liar all over and proved all new, material, that is. I've written him asking specific confirmation of his lies on CBS, telling him I intend to publish.

Parallax is publisher, but to get them to do it I had to forgo advance, royalties, agree to share any loss, as I do any profits. They will not have their normal distribution, which is CBS, so there will be tough going. Thus, I pay for any pr expenses. They will have a little pr help from the people they use in NYC. I had a phone call from one of these two today. They are doing a release and will have a NYC press conference. The book is in galley. I haven't time to look at them. My wife is proper-name indexing from galleys right now for future editions, which I hope for. She has found some minor errors I cannot pay attention to. P is having proofreading done in NYC. They will cast off pages and go right to press, I hope. They can do nothing to the book as important for it as getting it out. I told the girl who phoned that I had friends in SF who had done a better than professional job, that I would check with her but wanted to do what we could first. She agrees. I will let you know pub date and we can work from there. Harv will have me, I know. A friend of his with whom I have a connection and who has the right connections will also help (maybe we'd best let him do what he can first and then I tell you?) He also has movie connections, is interested in my work in this connection, and is trying in many ways to help. His name is Jonn Christien. He is a "epublican friend of Unruh's.

I'd be interested in knowing what Dolan feels and would do. I think I should go out by way of N.O., from there to Chi, thence SF, LA, Salt Lake on way back, thn, if poss. St. L and anything else that can be lined up. I told this girl today that whenever I go and if they can help, to figure I'll spend at least six days in SF & LA.

Meanwhile, I am more than busy. I've been writing the autopsy-medical part of the new book, most of it drafted. My wife may start typing finished copy on introduction in a.m. We have a new friend who has flown here from near St. L and is helping in many ways, right now stuffing envelopes for mailing. She is the one who typed the CBS thing I mailed this a.m. We are making up a mailing list (she and wife) of all who have written me to mail stuff you've seen. This is costly, but I think I must do it. The stamps alone will cost \$50.00 or more. Trying to get a little work done on the house is taxing because I cannot keep after the men who do not do what they contract. Wasted 3 hrs today on the kitchen men who never showed up, and I hate to take time from writing. I've got a lot of new stuff on autopsy. I think there will be nothing left of it when I'm finished, from what I have now, and a couple more things are possible. I'll also print my Archives correspondence. That will tell much. It all takes time, and with the fatigue and the mental confusion existing, trying to do too many other things simultaneously is hard on concentration and production. However, I've got most of the appendix done save for noting. Much will be just this. The book will be a big one but there is no choice. I cannot afford either the time or the money for separating the non-sut-med stuff that remains into a different book, as I should. I'll still have not less than two more books to do, both started.

Could you call Duschek, or perhaps Stanley, and refer them to WM47 so they can see how unoriginal that Alvarez-190wstuff really is. It should make a good story. Also, see if Joe is interested. It gives him a chance to be decent without any probability of policy transgressions unless it is a total proscription. He has never answered any of the letters I wrote him. As you may remember, I have the same stuff -my own, not Alvarez' - on 221-227 in WWII. I think that is in the CBS thing I mailed today.

A small editor (that isn't small pub) in NYC has indicated rumors of a major break coming. He will not put in writing or on phone. This bears on Helen to Lane report. I'll learn when I am there, probably after 9/20 unless O in N.O. is out earlier. I am confident something will happen and will do what I can to bring it about. But the pressure is really on against it. I think the only probability is after election, but possibilities do exist. The members had better start getting worried. When what I have in PW can be ignored, you know how tough it is. I haven't been able to pay printer a cent on that and it cost 1/3 more than earlier books. I'll have a god-sized debt there when the coming book is done, but he'll extend credit, knowing he'll be paid. These two things together worry the hell out of me, for there is and has been no answer to PW. The same will be true of the coming one. I slaughter Specter in it, over his own name. But what can we expect with this reception to PW? The only answer is to keep fighting, which I do. I really think that what I have brought out is so overwhelming that it will make the breakthrough. But how soon. I think also I must get all the rest out before Garrison's trial, which means I must finish this book before I leave on this trip and that means even harder and faster work. Thus there are things that I have to let pass that I'd like to do things about. Have you spoken to Mel Venter? If Freeman is still at KDLA, I'd like to comment on Rankin giving the line to the "riots" commission! Maybe Williams at KPIX. I sent all these men copies of PW and the flyer and I've heard from not one.

I hope you can make out the typos for I've got to get on other things now. Many thanks for the dope and enclosures. I'm still waiting for Turner's notes on what I turned over to him, Minutemenwise, that is. If you talk to any of the people who had me in December, give me the feeling you get, please. If I have time I'll have photocopies of evidence to show how dishonest AP series was, too...My presumption is that Garrison gave Turner Life's pictures! Why not. My stuff gets given away this way, too! But what a way!...The new Joesten stuff is awful, not new, and not worth a cent. I've read his Oswald The Trust and am getting his Marine book from England. He is not hacking, and not well or with scruple. Best to all,

Sept. 1, 1967

Dear Hal:

Have good news for you. Our Citizens Committee has met and we've raised funds past due you. In a few days after you receive this you'll get a money order in the mail. I intend to get that taken care of after I send this letter out. But, I wanted to get this letter to you with contents you see enclosed with this letter. I'll discuss a few of them in the following paragraphs.

First, I'm enclosing the photos you requested. For identification purposes I've marked in red ink on the back of each numbers from 1 to 4. The following are the numbers and names they refer to: #1 - Hall; #2 - Howard; #3 - Seymour & #4 - man at assassination scene who is screaming something in Spanish seized by 2 Dallas policemen and then released. (You may note a man's head on right side of photo who is presumably one of the Dallas police). These photos were not secured from the negatives of the prints I own. They were, instead, taken by a friend of mine who has access to a darkroom and all kinds of photographic equipment. He took pictures of the prints I have which explains why they appear somewhat grainy. I'm sure that they will serve your purposes.

Secondly, I'm enclosing a copy of "The Lingering Shadow", a reprint of the Dallas Times Herald Sunday June 25, 1967 story by Gavzer & Moody. This copy is a handy reference tool because other copies which have appeared in papers throughout the country are unwieldy if you want to refer to points raised in the article.

Some interesting things I observed about this rather expensive reprint: First - the glossy-type paper is the most expensive kind to use; that means money was behind this effort. Note also that on page 2 the backers include some of the most respectable companies of ~~Dallas~~ Dallas. Someone had to solicit these for their support. If I'm not mistaken I believe Ling-Temco-Vought is a sub-contractor for the Defense Department and has its hands in the gravy train of the cold war. Note also that anonymous "institutions and individuals" gave their "support". I'd give a million dollars to know who these are!

Also enclosed you'll find a copy ~~it~~ of the Harv Morgan August 18, 1967 on which you appeared. It contains the complete transcript of the remarks made by Dean Andrews in his interview of Feb., 1967 by Bob Scott.

If you'll recall some time ago I sent you a list of Hotels and groups meeting in Washington in September. This concerned the lead on that anonymous individual who called you last December who had information on Oswald. Recall, too, that I had mentioned that of all these I believed only two might contain the possibility of having that individual in it since he said he was going to attend a convention. One was the "Contracting Plasterers & Lathers Intl. Assn. & the other was the "Printing Industry of America". The former was to meet between Sept. 8 to 14 and the latter from Sept. 19 to 22. Both occur at the Shoreham Hotel.

In this regard I have learned that a Mr. Rudolph Meiswinkel of the Frederick Meiswinkel, Inc. located at 2155 Turk St, San Francisco will attend from the Bay Area. He will be part of the "Contract-

ing Plasters" convention at the Shoreham from Sept. 8 to 14. He is the only one known to be attending from the Bay Area.

I have no further information as to who will be attending the "Printing Industry" convention but hope to get an answer on that shortly. Incidentally, in case the above lead fails to turn out and it is not that person I'll give you the addresses of these two organizations meeting at the Shoreham. The "Contracting Plasterers" hq is at: ~~1343~~ 1343 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 & the "Printing Industry" is at: 20 Chevy Chase Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.

Hope the above can prove of some aid in helping you track him down. I believe he can be quite important if he ever does come forth.

I'm enclosing a three page-report on Cuban exiles and groups which has been researched by one of the members of my class. Note that Sergio Carbo spent two years in Russia. Other names and groups have come up in Garrison's probe which you may recognize.

I don't know if I have mentioned this before but have you ever looked into a report on a "Leopold Ramos Ducos" discussed in Vol. 26, p. 472? Do you think there is anything to this (that he may be the "Leopoldo" in the Odio affair)? Why is it that no one else has brought this out? There's no record of this being looked into any further and I don't see any report in the listing of Archive documents to that effect. (Incidentally, through a friend I now have the 185-document list which he has allowed me to use for as long as I wish. So if you refer to a CD number I'll be able to look it up).

I met with Lane recently together with other members of the class. He left for New Orleans on Aug. 28. Lane said Phelan came to see him to do a "background sketch" on Garrison. Claims he was doing it for the Reporter magazine. Lane didn't buy this and noted that in his "interview" of three hours or so Phelan took no notes. The real purpose of the call was to try to persuade Lane not to support Garrison on the Shaw trial. Phelan used one argument that ~~he had told Phelan that in November of this year the Warren Report will be totally damaged and Warren himself will make all sorts of apologies to "explain" why this had to be done (the cover-up).~~ Lane didn't buy this either. He said the implication was that we should all sit back and wait until this November event and, thus, leave Garrison on his own.

Lane discussed his recent book which he says Holt, R & W is supposed to publish. It's on the media & the assassination. Nine of the chapters are devoted to the CBS-marathon affair. Lane says CBS, in his book, will come out "much guiltier" than even the Warren Commission. He made the point that CBS had recently bought out Holt and was wondering just how this would affect his relationship with Holt and also his new book.

One story that Lane told was the reaction of Salant's (of CBS) son to the CBS series. He claims that his 14 year-old son was watching it and that after the spurious one-bullet test his son exclaimed: "Yeh - but then let's see the bullet!" Salant's reaction to this was to say "It was then that I realized we should have shown the bullet."

Lane seemed to possess a great deal of info on how CBS set up its testing. He pointed out that CBS used targets three times larger than the normal head and neck size. They also used one of the best

rifles they could obtain and that it cost \$150.

Lane said they employed a rifle expert by the name of Eugene Crossman who writes under the name of Jim Crossman. They had to dismiss him when he failed to meet the required time that Oswald is alleged to have fired in. Then CBS utilized eleven different firers. Out of 37 series of shots on the target a total of 17 had to be thrown out. Crossman, I believe, hit the target only eight times out of 18 shots. He fired six times to get those 18 shots off.

Lane said that CBS had initially contacted Holt, R & W asking them if they would be interested in publishing a book on the four-part series. Arthur Cohen, the publisher, said he would but first he had to allow his "expert" on the Warren Report see it first. CBS then asked who that was and Cohen replied that it was Lane. CBS replied: "Well, no - we don't want him to see it." Cohen then said that he would have nothing to do with any such arrangement.

An interesting point that Lane mentioned was that it was his belief that CBS had more on Oswald as a government agent and that this explained their disclaimer at the end of the four-part series.

If you read Schiller's book you'll recall that Schiller claims to have come up with the source on Lane's story on the Tippit, Ruby & Weissman meeting. Schiller said it was Paul Bridewell. But Lane said that Schiller's source is not that of Lane's and that he never met Bridewell. Perhaps Schiller is not so stupid as he would appear in making an untrue statement. He may be trying to draw Lane out on this. Quite obviously, Lane is not biting.

One final item that Lane discussed. He said that Epstein will do a piece on Jim Garrison that will be a "slashing attack". It'll appear in the New Yorker. Know anything about this? Not that this surprises me - but what gives ~~with~~ with Epstein? Has Goodwin through RFK gotten to him? Maybe this might confirm some reports you've mentioned in your previous letters about Epstein.

On that CBS series I'm still gathering material. Enclosed you'll find a copy of an article by the SF Examiner's "science writer". No doubt he knows little about the case and the average reader will be impressed that a "science writer" has come out in support of the Warren Report.

It would be helpful if you could send a bundle of the brochures you had made up on WW III. We can spread them around here and I can use them when I make a pitch for you to appear out here on radio & TV. One student of mine promises me that he can get thousands circulating if you're willing.

I located some more references to the epileptic fit in the volumes that you can add to that report I mailed in my last letter. See the radio logs that are part of exhibit #CE 705. In volume 17 there are references on page 394 & 465.

If you'll recall I mentioned in a previous letter~~that~~ that there existed a report by a French reporter who claimed to know something about a film taken by an American sailor showing two people in the sixth floor window before the assassination. I have come across two items that might bear on this that I believe you should look into. The first one is from some notes taken by a student in my class in which he says the following: "According to the November 29, 1963, issue of "ABC", the monarchist daily published in Madrid, a reporter from "Paris-Presse" claimed the

existence of a photograph showing "2" men in a window shooting at the President." The student says that the data were taken from old notes and that he cannot vouch for its authenticity. But it would appear to be a correct version because on November 28, 1963 the S.F. Chronicle printed a story from the Times-Post Service about that very same newspaper, "Paris-Presse". Note that the FBI refused to deny the story although "authoritative sources" had "convinced" newsmen the story was untrue (see copy enclosed). I suggest you write both "ABC" and J.P. Renard of "Paris Press" on this.

I'm preparing a list of all tapes in the possession of our Committee and you will soon have a copy. I noticed one one tape of which I have a partial transcript and previously referred to in a letter from me there is a mention of a witness to the Tippit killing who has not been discussed by any critic to date. The tape is known as: "The Day the President Died" and was produced by the BBC. Here is what it says about this witness:

"In a quiet residential street about four miles from the shooting, police officer Tippit, driving a radio prowl car, stopped a fair-haired young man in shirt sleeves who fitted the broadcast description. He was outside the house of Mrs. Ann McCreavey.

"I was standing at the window and I saw a man run by, and then there was a police car coming down the street and the policeman jumped out of the car, and just as he did the man turned around and shot him, and the man fell. He was dead, I guess, and I figured it was the same man that shot the President that shot Mr. Tippit, the policeman that was killed."

It would be interesting to know why she was not called as a witness by the Commission. Also note that she saw a man running and not walking as Oswald is alleged to have been doing before Tippit came up to him. When I get the chance I'll try to get her phone number and address listing in the Dallas phone directory. It shouldn't be too difficult to locate if the number is listed. You might pass it on to Penn Jones and see if he can do something on this.

Referring once again to the epileptic fit: the ambulance driver who handled the matter was Aubrey Wright. He was standing at the admission desk when a Pierce Allman (sp?), a Dallas tv-exec (from WFAA?) came on the scene (on the tape describing the epileptic fit). Wright's last name could be Rike and Allman's could be spelled Oleman.

Paul Hoch said he would send you some interesting material on Alton Ochsner and his connection with the Cordell House Foundation and International House with which he associated. If he doesn't make mention of a report by Henry J. Taylor I'll briefly refer to it here because I do believe it is significant. In Human Events (the Bircher publication) of Jan. 7, 1967 this appears: "When Oswald returned to New Orleans with his Russian wife (April 24, 1963, seven months before the Dallas assassination), Police Chief Giarrusso credits New Orleans surgeon Alton Ochsner with being the first man to uncover Oswald's pro-Communist activities. Dr. Ochsner, founder and head of the Ochsner Medical Clinic, where I went to see him, is a world-traveled consultant to the surgeon general of the U.S. Air Force on the medical side of subversive ~~activities~~ matters.

"An important and widely ignored point about "crackpot" Oswald is that nothing in his Marine medical record, after his childhood, finds him mentally unstable or otherwise psychologically unfit.

"But Dr. Ochsner's first hand impressions of Oswald's ideo-

logical pitch proved completely valid and led to a statement by Oswald to Police Lt. Francis L. Martello that "I refuse to speak English in my family because I do not want them to become Americanized."

"This slip put Cuban exile expert Carlos Bringuier and Edward B. Butler, executive ~~secretary~~ vice president of New Orleans Information Council of the Americas, on Oswald's trail even before Oswald picketed the U.S.S. Wasp (June 16) at the Dumaine Street wharf."

As you can see this point raised by Taylor lends support to my theory that the CIA through NBC-INCAS & other institutions got Oswald on WDSU to give him just the publicity desired to get him to go to Cuba. Taylor also mentions that INCAS has a tape of the Aug. 1963 debate by Oswald and that if you write them at: P.O. Box 53371, New Orleans, La. you can obtain a copy. If you want the address of International House it is: 607 Gravier, New Orleans.

I have a note that Dr. Sherman whose strange death was reported by a Mexican writer (Valdez?) had some contact with the Ochsner Foundation. She, you'll recall, worked on cancer implants. Could this have some connection with Dave Ferrie's interest in such experiments. I wonder?

I'm enclosing a copy of that report on Dr. Reissman which you wanted. Lane said when he was in Palo Alto that there was no official records at Stanford showing he had ever been there. He could, of course, been working there but not attached to the regular faculty.

I guess I'll have to abandon my idea of going to New Orleans. I am not in a very good financial position and since there are no angels floating around I'll have to do what I can here.

We are all very much enthused about your being able to come here and hope that it will be as soon as you're able to get away from the busy schedule you've been facing. I have been feeling out the media here and will, of course, keep them aware that you will be coming. Can you give me some idea of time when you can make it? You know how these stations are about scheduling things well in advance.

Well, this is all I have to say for now. I'll get that past due partial balance owed you in the mail very shortly. There are a few more people I have to approach on this and so far it has been a successful effort. Everyone sends their best regards and wants you to know we'll do our level best when you come here.

In the meantime, get some rest and keep giving them hell -

Best,

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