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dear Hal,

Our typewriter ribbon is rough on tired weak eyes. I'll answer your letter of 3/28 until the phone rings. I expect a call from New Orleans from some one who says he has another book for me and who, I suspect, can have some important information. Then to bed and early in the A.M. I have to get on the last chapter except for conclusions of the N.O. book, now 2 1/2 weeks beyond deadline and more than twice projected size....I notice others continue to pick up my chips.

Before Bill's operation I referred him to Harry Dean, who had sought me out. He and Maggie arranged for Bill Turner to sit in and take notes. He did. The least I would think I could expect was knowledge of this. When you speak to Turner would you ask him to please send me a copy of the notes. Or does Remparts do nothing but steal in this field? I will not use them if he plans any use of them, but I would like to know what Dean said. I have also told Garrison's office about this interview. They may have been in touch with Turner. I have put them on to a semi-confession involving the inutemen also.

I have so little time for anything. As soon as I finish N.O. I must finish the Manchester book, then back on WHITEHALL III. I'm having to pass up too much, to forego work at the Archives, etc. And I've done four weeks of taping for a radio series....I've written IPA for copies of 1963 proceedings.

I do not think the caller was Blechman...The sailor's pictures would be interesting. I do not think the French reporter was Sauvage....I've had no time to write Similas or Lee, much as I'd like to. I've slowed down to an 18 hour day on slow days and still get farther behind daily. Know nothing about the Maggie-Sylvia rumor. Maggie's penopies are being printed by Random House. Spoke to her a week ago.

I think Quiroga is more important than any exhibits, stories, indicate. His trip to Oswald's was nothing. He's a smart kid and probably connected....I've been unable to get the AP cable. Tried through local AP sources.I've already credited you with the tape but and I can use myself for the source because until I got your letter I had forgotten I have that very tape! Tell your friend not to worry. And my source on the tape was east-coast, a young fan with a sizeable tape collection on the assassination. I've been trying to get that "petay" thing, or a copy, from "arvo, without success. I'd really like one very fast for a couple of speeches either of which, among other things, may help get local chapters of Cit. Com. going. Letter from Steve Burton today encouraging on a third contact I made. Thanks for the tip on Green Belt "Jungle". I'll get it. ... I have the Post LaCombe story, not the NYTimes. I also have some very interesting reports on that camp.

If any of your friends know anything about one Rudolph Richard Davis (Ricardo) I'd be very interested in hearing of it....Did you hear of the report from Indianapolis (that somehow sounds familiar) of the Mannlicher-Carcano found in a hotel room there, brown-paper wrapped, three days after the assassination, with no scope. Turned over to Secret Service. Former Chief of Police Frank Riddle sent file to Rankin, got thank you letter. Told of it by newsmen friend. Saw nothing in papers.

Papers returned are extras. Do not want to waste them. I have another xx confirmation of "crypto" classification, from a former MI man. It existed. Have you checked Oswald's service record. I haven't had time Thanks and best, Hal.

March 20, 1967

Dear David,

Some of the items I was passing that might be of some use to you. I think, some of them may not be a clue to the person who called the Mirror magazine and discovered a photo on the sixth floor of the Depository and photos in the Dallas basement when Ruby shot Oswald but it's worth looking into, I believe. I'm referring here to ~~XXXXXX~~ CE2039 which appears in Vol. 24 on page 454-5. Note, for example, the mention of an "upper window of a building" either on Main or Commerce Street.

In my notes I also wish I have on file at home I ran across this wording: "A French reporter said he knows of film taken by an American sailor before the event (assassination) which shows two people in the 5th floor window." The notes I have on this which I obtained from a friend do not contain the name of the reporter but if you want me to check further on this I can write this person who lives in Connecticut (he attends Yale). This might be Sauvage but, if not, perhaps Sauvage can suggest who the reporter was.

Looking through my notes again I came across a reference to an article that appeared in Life magazine which had a story on the FBI and Secret Service re-assignment (sorry, I don't have the title but this could be checked out by looking at that issue-published after the date of the re-assignment). The article mentions a Fort Worth photographer who was present at the assassination whose name is Danny Owens. I never did get a chance to check him out because I thought he might have taken some photos himself at the time but just never got around to calling him. There is (or was) a Danny Owens listed in the telephone directory at: 4316 Virginia Lane, Fort Worth whose number is JT-4-6848. It might be valuable information that he could provide even if he has no photos.

Incidentally, have you contacted either Similos or V.P. Lee, the former Fair Play for Cuba chairman? He had excellent contacts with a lot of people (except one) out of the South. He once challenged a U.S. senator or con. resident to visit a training camp as a matter of fact with him and at the last moment the official chickened out. Dave Dellinger can get you in touch with him at Liberation magazine.

Steuers' Steuer is not the same gal who appeared on Huntley-Brinkley defending the CIA. That gal was Gloria Steinem and she, too, was a NY Free Press writer. There is an article on Steiner in the N.Y. Chronicle of 8-10-67 and most probably in the NY Times of that date. Steuer is doing research, I was told, on the CIA and doesn't want it known publicly that she is. Paul Browner of the Realist magazine suggested her to me.

According to a Ramparts researcher who worked on the assassination friends she has in New Orleans she says that Shaw is a well known homosexual. Stan Brinner also told me that Mrs. Elise Sarniglia believes this, also.

I talked to a Special Forces man recently discharged and he also told me there is a security clearance known as "crypto". He says the EOS in the Marines is known as 724.1 if that means anything at this point.

I've heard that either in the field or within the office has learned of a radio station that has proof that Oswald was a Soviet agent. They say they have this on a tape and want to be paid for it.

Getting back to the CIA - Stan told me that was believed quite a while ago involved in that December cross cache incident of July 31, 1963. CE 3119 (Vol. 26, p.758) establishes that Quiroga was sent to infiltrate Oswald's Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Note also in CE 3119 on page 763 the name of James Bombroski and Oswald's evasion on this. Remember that call to Harvey Morgan - did you check this out?

I finally managed to locate my notes on the Castro speech referring to the Miami talk of Nov. 19, 1963. This is what the note I have which I obtained from the Yale student says: "A.P. Cable 254 Miami Beach Nov. 19 unavailable from A.P. office in B.F. Fisel referred to it in his speech about the assassination. Acabo spoke to InterAmerican Press Association. In course of speech referred to events in next few days that will change course of American policy. Not mentioned in New York Times or Chronicle or Examiner although Hearst attended conference. Acabo supposedly involved in assassination plot against Coullart in Brazil." As you can see the name mentioned here is Acabo and it is quite possible that the person who wrote this either read or heard the wrong name. If your information is that a Sergio Carbo made those comments I'll see what I can find on him. For some reason his name sounds quite familiar but I can't recall where I've seen him mentioned. What comes immediately to mind is his being listed in Lyle Stuart's "Independent" newspaper about 1962 in an article on right wing organizations in America. Perhaps Stuart can offer some information on this if you could reach him. I'm sure that V.T. Lee would know about him if you contact him.

I spoke to the AP wire editor about that Oswald New Orleans Aug., 1963 tape. He said he would prefer that you avoid mentioning the AP as the source but that you could quote from it. He doesn't think it would be wise to reproduce the copy of the transcript I sent to you for use in our book. As far as I am concerned this might be the editing of the tape and I would have it appear in print. In fact I'd like to take credit for it because I had been suspicious of the editing for a long time and was not really surprised when I turned to the volume and saw the editing out of Oswald's remarks.

Some background interest on Lee's rep. appears in a book written by Robert Haber known as "4-26: Biography of a Revolution". This book deals with Cuba and its revolution. Haber used to be the Fair Play for Cuba Committee's chairman before V.T. Lee and would be a good source for information on Cubans. He might know about the LaCombe raid on July 31, 1963. Lyle Stuart can tell you where to reach him.

Another good source for info on Cuba would be Franca Latina in New York City. I once knew their photographer (his first name was Bob) and he was quite friendly in behalf of the Cuban gov't.

For information on Marcello see the book entitled "The Green Felt Angle" by Reed and some other writer.

I'm enclosing a copy of an obit notice that appeared in the Dallas Morning News of March 15, 1967. The note I have next to it is self-explanatory on this point as to the name of Click. Recall that at the news conference of D.A. Henry Wade (Nov. 25, 1963) he made this remark to a reporter wanting to know about Oswald's movements: (I'm quoting from an AP source of that date) "A lady. He then --the bus, he asked the bus driver to stop, got off at a stop, caught a taxicab driver, Darryl Click --I don't have his exact place -- and went to his home in Oak Cliff, changed his clothes hurriedly, and left." If this is the same Click it should be checked out. I'll send a copy of this to Fenn & see if he can find something out about it.

On the LaCombe raid the Washington Post of July 31, 1963 and NY Times covered it. LaCombe is about 20 miles north of New Orleans.

I'm rushing to get this letter out to you but I do have some more photostats of articles, documents, etc. that I'll send to you this coming weekend.

In the meantime, best regards.

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