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Dear Hal,

Your letter and the things you ordered at the Archives arrived today. I have written Paul and Gary about the Rankin memo on Oswald as an FBI agent. It convinces me even more that he was an agent, and I still think CIA. However, there is here reference to documents relating to both SF and NO, and there are no docs from either city. Have you any recollections at all? I think it is now enormously significant because I have also discovered that all reference to or record of the ~~12/~~ 1/22/64 special executive session on this has been eliminated. They do not even acknowledge it ever happened, do not list it as withheld. Very unusual. I've expressed the hope Gary can return for a few days before going back to college. He is now at Cornell.

Keep me posted on the Lifton piece in the Atlantic Monthly.

Your Slack stuff confirms pretty much what Ed had just learned.

Can you send me a copy or if it is not clear, two copies of the confidential letter on Shaw? I have a better source than Palmer but want to send him a copy. I do not see it.

I'm sending Paul copies of these documents today. Please go over them and my letter to him carefully when you are there and let me know immediately if anything suggests itself, particularly any documents you may not have copied. Paul asked me if I believe it worth the cost to get the entire GA-I FBI file on microfilm and I said you were the best one to ask.

Please check and see if by accident you took some of Gary's N file and a copy made for me. Neither he nor I can find it.

Best,