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Dear Mr. Lamont,

Thanks for the pamphlet with your note. I'm glad to get an American perspective on China today.

Jim Lesar will send you the records of which I wrote if he has not already. We both stay much too busy in court. Neither of us has any staff. With some success. If you saw last week's AP story reporting what was presented as the FBI's voluntary release of King assassination records that is the result of C.A.75-1996, in which Jim represents me. They have promised a total of about 18,000 pages. We know this is but little of what they have and are going for all.

Your opinion that these records you have gotten or will get can be important led me to think if I have any other similar ones. Those relating to one Arnold Lewis Kessler came to mind. Recently I obtained some that had been withheld for a decade. Some of them have probably been borrowed by one the students who use my files. I'm enclosing what I have and I'll ask them for the remainder.

Some are impossible to read because this is their condition. Those, however, are not official records and if Mr. Boudin believes there is the possibility of turning a fink up from them I think the SWP can do it for him.

Hal Verb was an SWP member when I knew him beginning in 1966. He was then and to the best of my knowledge still is in the San Francisco area, where there was an active SWP unit. The one name I recall of those I met through him is Sylvia Weinstein. Hal did not like my discouraging his romantic attachment with a younger woman who was an FBI clerk. He had met her when she was going out with a still older SWP member, some man then about 70. His first name was Leon. He was an amateur handwriting expert. He edited a union or another small paper, as I recall it.

In 1966 Hal had a small study group interested in the JFK assassination. The enclosed memos are from him where they do not bear official identifications. I believe their author is Bruce Lewis. If I had an earlier indication of an informant in this matter I do not recall it. I know there are recent records indicating this. I tried to turn Hal on but he has not responded. He knew a commercial artist in San Francisco named David Pearlmutter. Hal had moved. My letter was returned. I sent it to Pearlmutter, asking that he give it to Hal. I've had no response. Or acknowledgement. I did include all the new records, my duplicates.

If Mr. Boudin wants to follow up on the official records before I can obtain the return of mine he can obtain them from the National Archives by asking for all the Warren Commission files about or relating to Arnold Lewis Kessler. If a letter is directed to Miss Jane Smith or Mr. Marion Johnson in the part identified as NNFL it will reach the proper persons more rapidly.

I think it is not impossible that the CIA will have records because of the Mexican and Brazilian involvements in the investigations of the FBI. I have all they have released although they are far from compliance with my FOIA requests. However, I have not had time to go over them, so I do not know if anything relevant is included.

If I find or think of anything else I'll send it or let you know.

Sincerely,