

Mr. Kevin Walsh
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11/24/76

Dear Kevin,

The decision in your letter of the 20th has to be yours. I'm sorry about it, including for you because when you are young, before you settle down to whatever you may intend with your life, is the time to seek new experiences. This would be particularly true if you intend to continue in criminalistics.

The work on the King book alone would not be all that great. I have two-thirds in draft. So soon as I can get some of what I must do done I'll return to the writing of the last part. It will deal with the new evidence. You would see an entirely different FBI m.o. in that case, where they knew a trial first was certain and then possible. I'm getting the next 500 pages Friday.

You do not have to change your mind to go over what by Friday will be close to 1000 pages from them, the pix and what I got earlier from the Divisions. And we have a place for you to sleep. Kim will be using it Saturday night.

I asked Jim to ask one of you to make it for Sunday because we are having company, besides Jim, Saturday. This has other advantages for me. Jim is going to get these 500 pages copied. You could then bring them up. I might be able to go over them before I have to go to DC again the 2d.

You can take back and have copied the agendas I forgot to leave with Jim.

In advising you not to accept a job with the committee if it is offered you I'm not arguing against your decision. I've been through these kinds of things and have had a chance to make what I believe are dependable readings on Sprague and some of the others. If they don't wreck you you'll ruin yourself. They are not principled. You'll be wanting to fight them from within. It will not be possible. You'll get axed in the end. I suspect the end would not be in the distant future. Jim has had his experiences with them. He'll tell you he has an open mind of Sprague. My belief is that his obligation to Ray, not conviction, explains this. I've tangled with Sprague three times. Winning three times, two with Jim, is not the point. That he persisted in the same offenses is. He has not been truthful, has not kept his word, speaks like a Philadelphia lawyer and acts like one. The alternative is that he does not know what is going on. How good is that? There will, inevitably, be leaks. You would be blamed for them, especially with the Lane relationship in which Sprague persists.

On CD1359 and the 6/23 transcript, there is the same relationship between a CIA record they "forgot" in their last release and I've obtained from them. It deals with a defector as does the 10 pages of the 1/21 transcript. Not Oswald.

Sincerely,

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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold,

I got your letter of the 19th today and am honored by the offer. I know you will understand that my plans are such that I must decline. In the event that I am not hired in some official capacity by the first of the year the reservations I now have about the Congressional investigation, coupled with the feeling that I've given this thing my best shot of getting burnt out over it, I'll be checking out. There are other things more preferable to do with my life.

I know you have given all and more in the struggle. You are an unsung hero. For my part, whichever way it goes, the time to pursue something more personally rewarding steadily approaches.

Congratulations on the well deserved development with a publisher. Your pointing out the timeliness of that 6/23/64 Session in relation to C.D.1359 has fired my hopes further for your opportunity to shake loose the balance. I'll phone Jim about the agendas and follow through with you on Ricardo Davis.

Harold.... Thank You for the honor of your offer.

Sincerely,

Kevin