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Dear Barry,

The carbon of this letter is for Paul Valentine, to explain my call to him after he had left the office, about lunchtime. Paul had phoned me earlier about one Vincent Howard, whose name was not familiar to me.

After Paul and I spoke I remembered two things in my files that I can't now evaluate in terms of value to you, both relating to Cubans.

One is a printout of the FBI's Fair Play for Cuba Committee files as of the time of the Warren Commission. It has been years since I looked at it. The volume is about two inches in thickness. It overfills a box in which file folders come. I know exactly where it is.

The second is the New Orleans Police Department's FPCC file. It is largely clippings obtained from other police, as I recall mostly Florida west coast. I think I can lay my hands on it after a few minutes in the basement.

If these would be of any value to you, you are welcome to borrow them and copy anything you may want.

These came to mind after Paul and I spoke, as I was thinking of how he could accomplish what he has in mind. A possible source I thought of reminded me of these files. It is the Socialist Workers' Party (if that is the one known as Trotskyites). Despite the popularity of saying that the Communist Party was close to and active in support of Castro in his early days, it seems that the SWP was more so. They might know of Howard and others, like Hunt's crew and their associates. They might also know where FPCC people who might know are. Ditto for the FPCC files.

Many Cubans have records of violence in this country. I have files on them, mostly clippings. Some were funded by Batista millionaires, about 40 of whom got out with millions and settled in the Miami area.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg