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Dear Hal,

Thanks for your letter on the Chicago confab. There are other things of which I've heard that I'm sorry you were not aware of or did not report. Like what Lundberg said. But maybe I'll yet get that. That interests me more than the retreads.

What you say about Willis' photos I believe is correct from what he told me in 1967. I then arranged for them to go to NYC and show his pics to Billings, then at LIFE. I do not recall how many more than those he published he had but neither he nor Billings considered them to have any special value. My recollection is that all were taken later.

My experiences with Tony Summers lead me to have little faith in what he says and not to have a high opinion of him as a person. I suppose his wife was looking for a copy of my Oswald in New Orleans because Summers is working on a "frontline commemoration show with Scott Malone and Gus Russo to be a profile of Oswald.

It is typical of Mark Zaid that he has started an organization he will dominate and will promote him with great exaggeration. It is to be of "Professional and Analytical Researchers." What is a "professional" researcher? The only profession he has in mind is lawyer, which he just became. How analytical they can be is reflected in his literature you sent. Like a subcommittee on "JFK body alteration," that fakery of Liftons. An organization of no members with more than 20 subcommittees on the first page alone? And serious inquiry has one of the six "examples of committee" on the first page on "theories & speculation" while on that same page, under "scientific/investigative techniques" he has "eyewitness evaluation" but nothing on ballistics, spectrographic or neutron activation analysis. Mark's interest is in making Mark famous. I'm not taking the time to read the rest.

The five doctors on the 12/92 letter to JAMA are ignorant of the subject matter and were unfortunately influenced by Livingstone's High "rash 1 and 2. While their purposes are good when they go into the alleged forgery of the autopsy film and are ignorant of Post Mortem, using a bit of it as Livingstone's, and although he has it in his biblio. making no effort to get it, they are at least too hasty, uninformed and misinformed to accomplish anything of meaning. Too bad. They intend well.

I'm glad to have the stuff on the motorcade for archival purposes. Thanks. But do not spend any money for me on the photographic work you mention and the flyer describes. I would like it for archival purposes but would not take time for it now.

I am pleased, of course, that so many spoke so well of me there. This has always been reflected in my mail but for a couple of years, much more than before. At my age I am glad to have this reflection of appreciation for what I've done.

Thanks and best wishes,

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DEAR HAL=

I WAS GOING TO TYPE THIS LETTER BUT I'M A SLOW TYPIST & I DECIDED THAT MY HAND-WRITING IF I PRINTED IT WOULD BE FASTER AND LEGIBLE, SO HERE GOES.

TO BEGIN WITH, REGARDING YOUR LETTER OF 4/13/93 IN WHICH YOU ASKED IF I HAD ANY INFORMATION OR LETTERS BY LIVINGSTONE WITH RESPECT TO OTHER CRITICS, NO, I'M AFRAID NOT. HE DOESN'T CORRESPOND WITH ME. I HAD CONTACT WITH HIM IN DALLAS IN 1992 AT THE CONVENTION AND THERE HE CIRCULATED A LETTER BLASTING THE ORGANIZERS OF THAT CONVENTION (I'M CERTAIN I SENT YOU A COPY BUT IF YOU NEED IT I'LL LOCATE IT & ZERIX IT FOR YOU). HE OFFERED ME \$50.00 TO DO RESEARCH FOR HIM ON HIS INTEREST IN H.L. AUNT BUT I TURNED IT DOWN, HE BEHAVES VERY BADLY AND BESIDES WHICH, AS I TOLD HIM, I DON'T MAKE A PRACTICE OF TAKING MONEY BEFOREHAND, AND I'VE NEVER OFFERED INFORMATION FOR SALE. I BELIEVE I WASN'T THE ONLY PERSON THERE IN DALLAS HE WAS THROWING MONEY AROUND (HE SEEMS TO HAVE A LOT ON HAND) PROBABLY DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF HIS BOOK BEING ON THE N.Y. TIMES BEST SELLERS LIST. I DO WISH I COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH MORE ON LIVINGSTONE BUT I CAN'T.

NOW, LET ME TELL YOU BRIEFLY ABOUT THE ENCLOSURES WITH MY LETTER. THE TODD VAUGHAN MOTORCADE LISTING IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND I'VE SEEN. I MET HIM IN CHICAGO & AM IN TOUCH WITH HIM BY MAIL. I'M TRYING TO GET WHATEVER LISTINGS HE HAS ON THE PHOTOS APART FROM WHAT I'VE DONE (I NOW HAVE A LISTING THAT IS 142 NAMES & SOURCES - IT NEEDS MORE WORK BUT HOPEFULLY WHEN I FINISH IT I CAN SEND YOU A LISTING OF WHAT I HAVE).

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RECOGNIZED OSWALD'S NAME AS SHE REMEMBERED IT FROM HAVING ALSO HAVING WORKED IN THE NEW YORK FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS THEN RUN BY V.T. LEE. SHE RECALLED THE CORRESPONDENCE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN OSWALD & V.T. LEE!

BY THE WAY, HAL, I SHOULD TELL YOU THAT NOT ONLY DURING THE CHICAGO CONFERENCE BUT ALSO IN DALLAS WHERE I ALSO SPOKE PEOPLE WOULD COME UP TO ME AND THANK ME FOR MENTIONING YOUR NAME. BELIEVE ME, HAL, YOUR NAME IS HELD IN VERY HIGH REGARD BY PERSONS WHOM I JUDGE TO BE VERY SHARP AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THIS CASE AND THAT IS TRUE WHETHER IT BE IN DALLAS OR CHICAGO.

WELL, I'M SURE THERE IS MORE I COULD TELL YOU ABOUT MY CHICAGO TRIP BUT I THINK I'VE COVERED THE ESSENTIALS.

ONE FINAL NOTE, BEFORE I FORGET, THERE WAS A TALK BY A RADIOLOGIST, RANDY ROBERTSON, FROM MEMPHIS WHO OFFERED EXCELLENT PROOF OF A "DOUBLE HIT" TO THE HEAD COMING FROM TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. I MANAGED TO GET AN AUDIO TAPE OF HIS TALK & I THINK IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TALKS OF THE WHOLE CONFERENCE. THE "DOUBLE HIT" SUPPORTS YOUR THESIS WHICH YOU PROPOSED WAY BACK IN THE EARLY DAYS. (SUPPORT FOR ROBERTSON'S IS CONTAINED IN A RECENT "THE DECADE" ARTICLE BY A DR. REILLY WHO WAS UNAWARE OF ROBERTSON. I'M TRYING TO PUT THE TWO IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS).

— Best,
Hal