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Dear Bruce:

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 19th. We appreciate especially the clipping from the Omaha World-Herald on the evils of dancing. We return it with thanks, saddened in the realization that it comes perhaps 40 years too late to do either of us any good.

Regarding your translation of the article on del Valle from El Diario Las Americas, I believe you must be thinking of someone else. Neither of us can recall seeing this, nor do we find it anywhere among our material.

Paul Hoch's work on the Cordell Hull Foundation sounds interesting, but this is a field into which we haven't gone very far and one in which we have little competence. However, if you should come over again some time we certainly would like to see it, and, if Paul and you are agreeable, make a copy of it if we need it.

The same can be said of your notes on material from the New York Times from February 1963 through April 1964 on Cuban exile activities. Our competence in this field is so limited that we have felt we generally could devote our limited time to other things. However, it certainly sounds like a most essential area and we very much would like to have a chance to look at your notes. We know they would be well and conscientiously done. In connection both with these notes and Paul's paper on the Cordell Hull Foundation, I believe you are aware that we have a small copier here now and can reproduce letterhead size (not legal size) paper at a cost of 8¢ a sheet. In case you want to reproduce these things yourself and can do so in Berkeley at a lower cost per sheet, we want to make it plain that we insist upon paying for any reproductions you have done for us.

In regard to the dispatch we have from Shreveport on Oswald's attempt to find work there, it is as you say, but there is a special problem involved here that I want to explain to you and Stan personally at the first opportunity. In the meantime, in the interests of helping you keep Messrs. Hoch & Primmer at bay, let me summarize the story for you: On Nov. 30, 1963, E.H. Lige Williams, regional director in Shreveport of the Louisiana-Mississippi region of the AFL-CIO, said Oswald had written him the previous April asking about work and had visited him twice in May looking for work. "I told him I didn't have anything. He was a smarty guy. Thought someone owed him a job," Williams said. He said the letter was written sometime in April and Oswald appeared the first time the first part of May on his first visit. He said he had lost the letter, but had informed the FBI of it and the two visits by Oswald. He described Oswald on the first visit as trying to gain his sympathy, depicting himself as a man never given a chance to make good. He said the second visit was about two weeks later, at which time Oswald inquired again about work and said he hadn't been able to find anything in the meantime. "He was indignant because everyone wasn't breaking their necks to get him a job." There is a little more detail, but nothing that seems meaningful now.

We have been working very hard and are beginning to get reasonably caught up. We hope to see you before too long. Thanks again for your note.

Sincerely,


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