

Dear Jim,

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Enclosed is the letter I'm mailing Bud with this, when I leave for the Lab in a few minutes. I've also decided against sending you anything until after you return so that you can concentrate on what you are doing ~~in~~ spectro.

I will be writing you as soon as I can about one thing that we may want to use with this and will want to be doing something about. However, I want to let it kick around inside the skull for a while.

The New Orleans search slips disclose records destroyed. ^{It} is not as simple as giving us the search slips is intended to make it appear. And why should they have destroyed any Garrison record? any Oswald record?

I will want you to take this up with Metcalfe before you leave and I want to put together what he should be asked to do. It will, at the least, include copies of the requests for authorization, any authorization, and compliance with FBI regulations, which mean that the same information must remain available in other records. I've seen many such forms and have a number, where the records destroyed are listed and the source of that inform^{ation}/is stated.

Of course, the historical case prohibition applies, so we have to recognize that they'll stonewall because they'll know this was destroyed so that it would not have to be disclosed.

No matter how they lie at it will not be credible and perhaps, with the spectro case destructions, it will get some attention.

I'll just continue to accumulate the other things and I'll mail them so that you'll have them on your return.

Hastily,