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Dear Js,

Your mailing of the 11th is quite valuable. I've skimmed it, read some, and respond in haste because I am expecting Bud and Jim to discuss suits and other matters. I'm using air despite your suggestion because it sometimes does save time.

Good to know of Gravel's intelligence background. It gives me an until-now possibly hidden perspective on the approach to me. I've sent you a copy of my copy, which is either a xerox of the original or a xerox of the copy returned to Gravel's office by the SS. It is not too clear. I am entirely out of 3M paper, and my order, six weeks old, was promised for overnight delivery again yesterday. Hence, I could make no copies until I could have them made. A local reporter provided these. I am not troubled by the Gravel record cited. He has undergone a radical transformation. I found his TV appearance on a Sunday talk, prob. Face the Nation, quite impressive. Maybe Issues and Answers. Lil corrects. Local (NBC) show.

I'm ashamed of not t inking of Earle Sande, who was in my time and I had bookie neighbors. I'll ask a DC reporter friend to get a rundown. Maybe you know someone who reports sports? The question is not alone of the "George" but of the barfly heir. Your interpretation, however, is an excellent one, and this possibilities might interpose the problems you suggest, unless the suspect had such interests. I have no reason to believe he did. I think I've sent you copies of everything I have developed, including bible and individual items. If indication otherwise, please let me know. KT tape, would appreciate dub. I also have other and continuing interests in him that will become clear if I haven't indicated. Shorthand-two identifications he got LHO's handbills. I make no use but will in AGENT OSWALD. He has a mental illness, according to a clinical psychologist friend who overheard my one phone conversation with him. More than just schizoid. Hope you can think of earlier vielad letter, for I think we cannot afford to ignore the possibility that this might have meaning, esp. if and when McG goes to N.H. One of the t ings that interests me most is the singling out of me, the mailing on my birthday, rather than say, Garrison or Lane.

1965 Information Please Almanac adds on Sande b. Groton, S.D. (relevant?), 11/19/98 (one could even read in 11/19 meaning, extremely remotely-threat JFK Miami-O in NO).

Your Gervais entries: I undoubtedly have some, but none filed under him, so I'd appreciate all (but only those parts that seem relevant, and two copies of anything that could interest NBC).

Your instincts were excellent on original report Garrison story. This may assume legal significance. Mitchell did announce, personally, after FBI Acad ceremonies, my understanding from Ken Clawson, Wash Post. Can you estimate on separate piece paper, for separate filing, time copy filed N.O. rather than Atlanta? The stories you sent may clarify, but it would be good to have this on file, for my reading of the affidavits to date and my knowledge locals gives deepest apprehensions about something bigger. I think the legal question may revolve around a) release prejudicial, unnecessary details and b) by whom first.

I have set affidavits in hand, another lost or intercepted in mail, five days late going 50 miles. Possessed set hand-delivered. So, do not copy these for me. However, if you see a significant story, please rush. I'll be making up a list of those I have after I read those you enclosed. I have others. Orestes Pena has supplied me with most of what I have, a NY friend who gets only sporadically with others. Awitch: I may ask for missing S-I reprinting affs to sue for backgroundings, but I 11 let you know what I do not have. Post may switch to Lardner from Clawson on coverage. This means beginning bias. Both good reporters, Lardner prejudiced and inclined to be smart-alecky. Any west-coast coverage, as LA Times, not in N.O. papers, I would also appreciate. They may use by-liners...Other poss. threat suspects, Nagell, associate Greenstine (Wil, Del). Hastily, and again thanks.

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