

Dear Dal McQuirk,

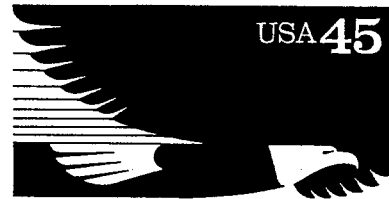
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I have to restrict myself to what I can get on this airgramme because I just do not have time. I'm into too much but it is all what will not get done unless I do it. And I'm having to spend much time on medical appointments. Four trips to Baltimore in a two week period and three next week. So first some generalities that really do respond to some of your questions: Most of the books on the political assassinations are in a multitude of ways bad. You perceived that Lane wants it believe that he invented the wheel and discovered sex but in reality he has brought not a single thing that is both factual and new to light. His "Plausible Denial" is an overt fraud and he used what had been thoroughly refuted because he knew he'd not be sued. The sole issue in the case he defended, for example was malice. Because Marchetti did have sources <sup>they</sup> found no malice. The rest is not relevant even if true. And with Lane you always have to wonder about truthfulness. Lorenz has no credibility at all and her senseless story has been denied by her alleged pals who once used to be her pals. So, I can't answer questions based on the many lies made up by the many liars who want and get attention or I'd do nothing else at all. Just assume that all theories have no basis in fact and that almost all the authors range from exploiters and commercializers to incompetents for this kind of work. I have not seen a single proven theory and do not expect to. Because the crime itself was never investigated officially there are no leads to be followed by private investigators. Making them up can be made to appear to be reasonable and exciting but this is never true if one is aware of the facts that have been established, not what these people just make up or fanatize. ...Resumed

5/28, 3:30 a.m. Which give you an idea of the abnormal hours, I cannot avoid keeping. I have sleep apnea and I get up too early. Before returning ~~to~~ this I wrote a short commentary on a very bad book that I first completed reading and then got and skimmed the a.m. papers. Now you asked about the new-found CIA openness. It is the same lying, stonewalling CIA just as determined to continue to withhold and actually getting away with a staged media event. It disclosed nothing new except of all improbable things, to me while not to the Senate. This ploy was designed to discourage legislating disclosure, which is in several bills before the Congress. On its part the Congress may be reluctant to disclose any of its records not because they hold real secrets, which they don't and can't, but because they do hold what can be embarrassing to it. But there are as of now no dependable sources to which I can refer you. This is due to my lack of knowledge of who is doing what when I am not able to participate in it. Of course Oliver Stone is obvious but he has trouble being factual and truthful even by accident. He has never been about the withheld records, which he exaggerated enormously, too... There is no substance to Nigel Turner's Corsican theory and what he reports about film confiscations is I am certain false. People make that kind of story up because they see no chance of refutation. In this regard I've always had questions about Gordon Arnold... Stone and Garrison knew there was nothing to Garrison's "tramp" fabrications because to prevent more of his atrocities I had to investigate those pictures in 11/68. When I proved they were irrelevant and that Garrison was merely making stories up, knowing this, Stone proceeded to misuse it in the script. I told him about this and much more in detail 2/8/91, without any response. I've not seen the movie and do not intend to waste any time that way. No matter how attractive

is can be made, gross remains gross... There were newspaper pictures of the tramps taken 90 minutes after the crime as they were walked away to dry out, they stunk from whiskey that much... As I said above, never believe Lane. Ruby was never a full-fledged FBI informant. He did not pass his probation, giving the FBI nothing useful, so he was not hired. Obviously he would not have survived and his business would have gone if he informed on those with whom he came in contact... You have to be careful on reading Tony Summers, too but not nearly as much as Lane. It has never been confirmed that the "Former French Army officer" was "the CIA's number one assassin" and I do not believe it. His name was Hertz, he was in the Dallas area 11/22, when he left, but there was nothing to connect him with anything... I cannot emphasize too much that because the crime was never officially investigated there are no leads to be followed and that without some reasonable, rational leads responsibly theorizing to be published is not possible. All that does is confuse people even more and provide cover and explanations for those who failed in their official responsibilities. By this I do not mean that it is wrong to give such things some thought. I mean only the proliferated and wrong conspiracy theories presented as fact to trusting readers who cannot raise the necessary questions themselves. The people are misled and misinformed by such writing and the letters I get reflect their belief in the fictions.

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And the fashioners of gossamer fairy tales become "experts" thereby while for the most part they also are being enriched...I guess the best sources on information relating to the release of records would be the committees but I do not know which ones they are. I do know that John Glenn in the Senate and John Conyers in the House are the chairmen... Your paper was faithful to the CIA's pretense as most are but they had no way of knowing that again Gates and the CIA lied about their desire to work fast....I do not have the addresses of Walden Books (Report) or Vinatge, part of Random House (Meagher) but all bookstores have Book In Print and that will give you the addresses. Barnes and Noble have the Report but Walden's is the official one duplicated and hardback. If you can't work that way I can ask the local Walden's to mail them to you. The shipping would probably be 4 lbs for postage. ..and now I leave for my walking therapy, mostly resting and some walking, followed by blood testing, which means another hour of this walking therapy while waiting for the lab to open, followed by real upper-body p.t. that is doing me a little good, and I'll be home by 9 a.m.! abnormal enough? But can't be helped...So I hope I've explained and answered as much as I can. Yours,

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