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Dear Harold

Hello! Well, here is a bigger than usual envelope from me. You enjoyed the little scenic NZ calender so much I am sending you this larger calender. It is the time of the year now when newsagents have sales of calenders and diaries so I was able to buy this one at a reduced price.

I have actually seen most of the scenes shown in the calender. When I was a younger and fitter person I travelled to many of the remote and beautiful parts of New Zealand. The shot of Mt Rob Roy in Aspiring National Park is one I am very familiar with, I have walked up and down this valley many times. At the head of the valley is a very striking high mountain, with a symetrically shaped peak. The mountain is called Aspiring.

I am also enclosing a little appointments diary which I hope you will be able to use through the rest of this year.

Thank you too for your last two letters, for which I thank you. I feel very privileged to have this correspondence with you. I am now able to consider myself pretty well informed about just what is real and true in this sorry history, and at last I am beginning to realise the full implications of the reality that it was not investigated. This failure to act at the time can never be remedied, can never be made good, it had to be done at the time, there and then, when all the evidence and leads were there to follow up and sort through. The United States government certainly had the means and the ability to do this, but not the will.

Thank you for sharing your notion that the shot which entered the front of Kennedy's neck was very likely the same one responsible for the wound in his back. Of course, this makes a lot of sense. I was confused by the autopsy description of it as a wound of entry. I presume this bullet could have carried on and hit somewhere behind and to the left of the presidential limousine. I wonder where this bullet is today? I cannot imagine it is still under the earth at Dealey Plaza.

Tell me, how many shots do you think were fired? It seems there had to have been at least four, maybe five (or six?). Do you think it is possible Kennedy was hit almost simultaneously by two bullets in the head? I read that idea somewhere, cannot recall just where, but it postulated a hit from behind just a small fraction of a second before a second bullet struck fired from the front to explain the forward movement of Kennedy's head in the seeming instant of a bullet striking from the front forced it to violently move backwards.

In your letter in reference to the autopsy you mention the possibility that "Humes may have called out to those in the balcony". What do you mean? Was there a higher level in this room for viewing an autopsy from? Was this where the others who came into the room watched what was happening?

Where does your friend Professor Dave Wrone teach? I have a few friends teaching at various US universities and it would be interesting to know where Dave Wrone is based.

Would there be any chance of buying a print of the copy of the Moorman print you have? You mention that you expected to get your photographic print back soon together with an enhanced print (or an enhanced part of the print?). If you have negatives of either shot, that is the unenhanced copy or the enhanced version, I would be very happy to have copies. I would pay whatever your costs are.

You struck a chord with me when you mentioned 'polyps', every couple of years I have to undergo a 'surgical procedure' which is known as a colonoscopy. The term is self-explanatory, and obviously you have had the same experience. Eight years ago I had a rather large polyp cut out of my bowel. It was benign but even so I am advised to have this check made every few years. It is a most uncomfortable business. But beside your present condition it is like nothing. You have a lot to go through daily. I hope things have gone well for you over these past few weeks, and I trust you were able to avoid going to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

I have no news at all from my publisher about publishing dates for the North American release of the new book and the revised edition of my first book. That is one of the disadvantages of living on the underside of the planet and being 12,000 miles away from your publisher. They can ignore you and there is not much you can do about it.

Do you know of any other (i.e. apart from yours) decent books on the assassination that are coming out in the near future? And speaking of your new book, do you have any idea when it will be in print and on sale?

Harold, could you recommend a bookstore known to you who would either stock or could order the recently reprinted edition of Sylvia Meagher's "Accessories After the Fact"? I mentioned this some time ago but you suggested I order a copy through a local bookshop. Believe me, it will be much faster and simpler if I order a copy direct from a US bookshop. It would be easy then to pay with a bank draft in \$US or charge it to my VISA card. I am also interested in buying a copy of the Warren Commission's Report, which you mentioned was being reprinted.

I hope you enjoy the calender. I look forward to hearing from you. Take good care of yourselves, and of each other.

Yours,
Dan.