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Dear Dal,

After reading your 3/28 I decided^d to give you an idea of what the new book says by copying the first two pages of the Preface and using them.

You are correct, I think, in saying that the implications of the ~~JFK~~^{assassination} are vast and continue to grow. I've always believe that. It had the effect of a coup d'etat. It turned this country and really the entire world around. I had originally intended my second book to be Tiger to Ride: the ^untold Story of the Cuba Missile Crisis. It was to be a study of the JFK asministration and of that crisis. My spot and unchanged analysis, which is that ~~Khrushchev~~ gave JFK his own tiger to ride, to decide between war and peace, has been confirmed by several recent confabs between many of those involved on both sides.

I don't know that many of ~~the~~ things that happened in New Orleans were connected with the assassination. Other than that anything connected with Oswald has to be considered.

I do not think that we have to have any real hidden government for things to work the way they have or even to happen. It is built in, it just works that way. The assassination was an effort to ~~change it~~^{back} when he making radical, basic changes. But the job did not require any hidden government. Just some dedicated and in a position to have it done.

There are so many controls in place here that it all just happens. Just the costs of elections and the sources of that money, for one example.

On your question, when was it decided to set Oswald up. I can only guess. While the general idea may have been in place much longer, I think the use of Oswald as a-patsy could not have begun until he left New Orleans, maybe only when he returned to Texas.

There ^{now} is little ^{one} mail surveillance of which I know. It was never by the Treasury. The FBI has the addresses covered by the post office from time to time. For a while it was intercepting much overseas mail, both ways. On outgoing it turned the mail over to the CIA and it opened and copied the letters. *maybe on incoming too.*

It could have been possible for the rifle to have been intercepted, I suppose. The receipt he had to sign for it has never been found.

At the time of the assassination the FBI had about 40 agents in Dallas.

Oswald may have ^{2/}considered himself a Marxist. He was an Orwellian. But there is no evidence that he infiltrated anything.

Back in the 1960s the various kinds of surveillance by the FBI was rather extensive, but there is no way of which I know to gauge it accurately. All those resources improperly devoted to political spying inside the country are I think a major cause of the great increase in domestic crime.

I doubt that Hoover had any inkling of an assassination and I think that despite the widespread belief that he was connetted with the ssassination he would not have risked

what could have happened to him and his beloved FBI from the assassination if he knew about it and did not prevent it. And he could not have known without others in the FBI also knowing. Their silence could have been ruinous to them and they'd have been accessories, a felony.

Nobody would have trusted Ruby for or to do anything. I can't go any farther except to offer the opinion I've always had, that he was highly subject to suggestion. He had no real connections with anybody who was something in organized crime except a few of personal nature. What he said cannot be credited. He was lost, wondering, and had no knowledge and no basis for his conjectures or opinions. There are some strange aspects, like his knowing the correct name of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. I can't explain them.

Post Mortem is one book of three parts, was and is. Until I did the third I could not cite it. I suppose that is the explanation.

The right here has the power it has, I think, because it has the wealth and because it owns the major media.

The complete manuscript ^{weighs} (close to 8 pounds. I sent a few, perhaps 8-10 copies of discarded chapters after correction to a friend. That fraction weighed more than four lbs. Don't think the overworked Wrono could make another copy now. It could be a benefit to me have have duplications indicated for removal. We'll see what the future is on that.

High Treason, which I've been referring to as High Trash, lately, is about to have its third part. Manuscript to be turned in this month. The author has been so crazy, making so many threats, it can't be explained rationally. He isn't rational, a real concern.

I'm to phone Spinkins tomorrow for their decision, after consultations, on whether I'd be better off with or without the indicated surgery. What they say I'll do. Risk either way. Polyp in the lower intestine and something else to be diagnosed in X-rays.

Dozing while typing from sleep apnea and probably from residual tensions over that Crazy High Trash guy and his threats. I see the states attorney in the morning to see if what he's done and is doing is criminal. Wasted much time for me and it can waste much more. What worth there is in his books is what they use of my work, sometimes not credited, sometimes credited to the use of it by others. He has an enormous self-concept but lacks ^{or any interest in} knowledge of the established basic facts. His trash is theory he presents as fact.

Although most mornings remain freezing and lower, Spring has ^{m/} come, with the return of the honkers and mallards. When the heavy snow of recent storms melted there were jonquils in bud, ~~so~~ stems a foot or more. Grew in the snow, which lasted quite a while....I hope this makes sense. Because of my dozing I'll let reading and correcting wait a while, to when I may confabulate less. I do hope you make your trip, and that you can get here, and that I'll still be. I'm 80 today, despite all the illnesses and surgeries....Just noticed-up to 60F! Spring is here. As your fall begins. May it and the winter to follow be mild.

Best wishes to you all,

Harold