

Dear Dal,

10/4/94

This has been a rather tiring day. Tiredness being my normal state now. It began well but a bit too early with my work at my desk, then I walked until the lab opened and my blood was tested, then to physical therapy, then for the last of seven dentist's visits on a root canal job, and then to the doctor's office because the clotting time of my blood has gone crazy again. A little worrisome. Suddenl<sup>y</sup> I need only a third of the anticoagulation I've required most of the time since 1975. No suggestions from doctor. I have a notion that at least part may be due to my lack of dentures for two<sup>w</sup> weeks, meaningly greatly reduced Vitamin K intake. So, when the mail came I read it and to be certain to do not overlook what should be responded to in your 9/25, used a highlighter on it. But first what I recall.

Wrone picked up a copy of Roffman's book for you. I've got a 15th reprint of Lifton's in quality paperback by Varrol & Graf/Gallen. I've not been able to get to Walden's or to the second-hand store but hope to soon.

I think your letter to Hollis is excellent. Instead of a contract for your study book, accept this as carte blanche. I'll help all I can. I do urge you to consider using as many as you can of the documents you got from McKnight. He has a new one not yet back. They are impressive and people love to see them.

You have the letter in mind. I explain why it interests me and ask that you keep this confidential. For a while. Until copyretyping is completed and I've some copies distributed. I've finished the draft of Motive, Means and opportunity: Our Strangelovian Military and the JFK Assassination. No, it does not say that they did the job. It lays out reasons to believe they did, all from standard sources. You got the notion from Newman. I had it earlier, never got around to it although I'd collected much for it, and what Craig told you reminded me of it. Yes, I'd appreciate it if he would write me in as much detail as he can recall about what his father said about the Navy. Particularly about sophistication and Annapolis education, if he did. I do not intend to quote him.

It is I think something over 40,000 words. *It is Admiral Moore, I think.*

May I suggest that for the text you consider using from WW what I say about getting the rifle into the building as a simple illustration of how the evidence was lied about. I can make a few suggestions to enlarge on that. *On mine that's basic evidence from tel*

I am aware that the Dallas doctors have been quoted as saying the back of the head was blow put. The frames of the Zapruder film the Commission was to publish and did not (WW II forced the Archives to add them to the tray of slides) leave it beyond question that nothing like that happened. I recall what you said about the VCR system problem but if anyone has a tape of the PBS 30th anniversary show, which I'm told had the best version of the Z film, slow it down after the head shot and you see that at about Z 335 as JFK starts to fall over onto Jackie the back of his head is clearly visible for about two frames and it is intact, not a trace of blood even on the shirt collar.

The hole was on the right side toward the back and about centered a little in front of his ear. I think all the talks with the Liftons and the Livingstones account for some of this. I believe the DJ panel report I used in PM and that they place it as the right place from the X-rays. Which I believe were not faked because the ~~max~~ autopsy film of both kinds destroys the official mythology. Who would fake film to defeat the purposes of the faking? Makes no sense at all. And in PM turn to the protocol holograph, its page 7, and note the changes Humes was told to make in it that Sunday night in the admiral's office, from what he had to what they went with. What he had is consistent with the panel's placement of that wound. That was copied from the deliberately misfield original. I held the original in my hands. Pale blue rule on white pad.

For your book I suggest you consider taking from the Report's first chapter what you may want as an account of the official story. I do not have easy access to the relatively few pictures I have, in the basement, but for diagrams you may want to use the surveyors plats in WWII. I gave Wrono copies of many pix years ago. He may be able to supply ~~the~~ some of what you needs. (I'll send him the Hui thing that I think will interest him. He is terrible overloaded right ~~an~~ now and will be for several more months. He was also his school's scholar of the year for last year.)

Thanks for the gifts. We look forward to getting them. I'll probably switch coffee mugs immediately. Lil may. She uses a china one <sup>N</sup> had painted by her sister-in-law and of light weight, a factor for our age. The various Indian groups here are using T-shirts. Lil <sup>is</sup> sends most of them contributions and they've sent us some. I ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> most of them as undershirts because of the friability of my skin, most of all on the chest, and they are both softer and with different neck seams. Believe it or not, even the seams can be a problem for me!

Harris' Crossfire was not one of the early books and it <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ an atrocity! He knows nothing about the assassination itself and does not even try to ~~at~~ learn the simple basic facts. He is supposedly an authority on the various theories and ~~the~~ is an ignoramus on them.

I know of no source in England for the ~~vassettes~~ <sup>N</sup> you want <sup>but</sup> ~~by~~ have you asked the TV nets there? They may well have it/them. As may some of your TV stations that may want to use what they get from the US.

I was afraid that if I told Willis the truth he might think I had some personal interest in mind, that is why I involved you.

Thanks for the offer of the tape but I can't now take time for such things as Haiti. I do not know how much time remains for me and I am concentrating on getting all I can on paper.

Fonzi's book is attractive and his criticism of his committee is valid but the basis of the whole thing is a close to impossible assumption he never tries to prove. And to

the best of my knowledge his single-source, Veciana, did not work for the CIA. This is Fonzi's basic assumption. He does not even say that Veciana told him that. The only knowledge I have, byproduct of opening some files up years ago for a doctoral thesis, is that he actually worked for the Latin American branch of the AFL-CIO's Confederation of Free Trade Unions then run by the late Seraphino Roumalan <sup>CU</sup> ~~di~~. If you know any down there who were in intelligence or are experts on the subject you'll have little trouble learning that no ~~spook~~ spook would ever bring two of his people together without the most urgent need and then he would avoid as public a place as Fonzi says and never in broad daylight. So I have no confidence in his Maurice Bishop story. And there is a reasonable presumption that pressure from Fonzi is what drove deMohrenschildt across that thin line. He killed himself just before Z Fonzi was due to question him. I read that book only because Cesar urged it. Waste of time. I was told, by the way, by a friend who was in Cesar's office last week that the stack of unanswered mail, even some with checks and unanswered, is towering. Are. His laser surgery on the eye in which he lost vision has been somewhat successful and he has several <sup>such operations</sup> more due beginning this week.

The scope on the supposed Oswald rifle was a cheap 110-power Japanese one from Hollywood Optics. Marina told the Commission she did not know that rifles came with what she called telescopes, so the rifle she saw it would seem had none. I have not heard further from her, nor have I heard from Hood about the sociologists inviting her up an interviewing her. I may or may not hear from her again. She is a bit paranoid with me from time to time and I never push her or ask anything of her. Meanwhile, she now has all my books and may be deciding to say nothing until she has read them. I did not ask her about the Walker thing and it is no more than an assumption that the letter she found <sup>referred</sup> to that.

If I can find an extra copy of the Afterword I'll send it. When I can look.

I have not read the Torbitt Document and I spend no time on the theories of those who for the most part have no basis for theorizing. I have no reason to believe it is anything else. Long time since I heard of it.

~~From~~ From Cuba there is what I do not trust, something from its former chief spook. What I saw in the papers was all I needed not to take any time for it.

There is little I can add to what I wrote about the Tippit killing. I agree it looks like you suggest but I do not really believe that. I suggest you read the beginning of my Tippit chapter in WW and then the questions I raised about it there and in WW II. There is no chain of possession on any of the alleged evidence and the usual police identification marks were not placed on the shells until 8 that night and until then they were in pockets and a desk to which anyone who could get into the building had access. Tippit was, to put it mildly, not very bright. In 10 years he had not a single promotion. I cannot see what he could have done for any intelligence agency.

Going back <sup>to</sup> the book for students, in part have you considered taking the basic official allegations, the reason I suggested the Report's first chapter, its summary, and taking the same things from my books, especially WW, that ~~one~~ because it was the first and ~~because it~~ and because it gives the opposite from the same evidence on the basics- and because none of it has been refuted after almost 30 years and not a single person has phoned or written to complain of unfairness or inaccuracy. Which, by the way, is true of all I named in all my books.

How my supertime. I'll read and correct when I can.

Thank: and love to you all,



10/7. This reflects how tired I was. We did get to the stores yesterday but could get only the Walden Report hardback (for the price of the St. Martin's paperback) and I have Best evidence. I've not heard from you about Robert Kennedy and Dist Times so if it fits in the box I'll use I'll send it, too. And if Lil has the Hamilton address for the remainders he sells I'll include that. He is discounting Meagher's great book and the St. Martin's edition of the Report. It was at the ~~Wid~~ Walden store and seems, like the Walden I got you, to have been printed by photographing the official Report. So on both the notes <sup>to it</sup> should be as to the copy printed by the government. I was surprised that our second-hand book store of a very large stock had none of the other books you want. Next time we are there I'll see if I can find someone who may know places to look for them that Lil did not think of. I thought I had the Inquest paperback I'd give you but I cannot find it. If you wind up not able to get those you want and can think of any others you'd like perhaps we may be more successful. But I'm inclined to think, absent the death of some who had assassination interest, that most of the copies have been picked up.

Where I refer to notes above I mean that if what is cited is check against the Report, it should be exactly as though the original Report were being checked with either the Walden or the St. Martin's editions.