

Dear Dal,

11/14/94

It is when I try to do a little moving ~~that~~ I realize how frail I've become. Today we got from two wonderful friends a bushel and a half of the largest navel oranges right from the orchard. That is a package of 60 lbs and one of 30. Grapefruit size. And delicious. Had them before. Our regular carrier was off today and her replacement left them on the stoop. Lil rolled them in. The regular brings them in, puts them on the kitchen table, and I remember her with some. I've been busily engaged on deciding to whom to give the surplus when we cannot begin to refrigerate so many and it has not yet fallen to freezing at night. Close often but not there. When it is colder the porch is cool enough. Citrus does not freeze in our coldest weather. So now I await the coming of the friends with whom we'll share these fine gifts. Last year one of ~~them~~ ^{friend} sent me a half-bushel a month as long as the orange season lasted. I'm to take metamucil, a source of fibre I'm sure I do not need, myonings, and with it an orange. Of these left than half is enough! The friends knowing this ~~remembers~~ ^{remember} us! But the little I did tired me. (Lil prefers I will.)

I've read your 6/11, again good time, and the political enclosures. I'll read the questions when I answer them. On the political parties here, the farther they get from center either way the holier they get until they are holier than the pope. And party-line omniscient. That SWP woman ^{my} knows their line but not our history, not independently. She is also ignorant not to know that there were two different JFK presidencies in his short tenure, the second beginning 10/62.

You are right, I should have realized that you had no need to learn what informed people here do. Sorry. But maybe you'll get the message in the two Wash. Post cartoons I enclose. Hunt's book, which he did not (and could not) write, will give you the idea you seek. He used ghosts. Asked me to ghost for him one. Long story, I declined politely.

No, the Thompson and Kantor books are worth reading, esp. Kantor's. I was merely urging care in evaluations of them.

Initially I felt about Penn Jones as Eagher did. But I had more to do with him than she so I learned more faster. Well-meaning and crazy. Crusading editor of paper that sold less than 1,000 a week. Honored for it, too. *Devilishly. But all wisdom not self-interest.*

I have forgotten so much! Including what I could have used, Givens and LHO on 6th.

Wrono will love that books. Thanks for me, too. He'll write when he gets it. He is really overloaded.

I'd not read Paine since the early 1930s so I got Age of Reason to reread him. Can't use libraries and kids today are not taught a word about Paine in school here. Ingersoll's popularity then was great. Never hear him mentioned here any more. Typical of changes here. Perhaps I'd just assumed that NZ has the laws we have, what is manufactured and imported has to identify country of origin.

On your questions, Roffman may well have gotten that idea one of the many summers he spent here. I remember telling him that the NY Times' Tom Wicker wrote about seeing the limo being washed at Parkland. I'd not thought of removing any fragments

from it. But in considering all these things do not lock yourself into the official mythology about what bullets were used. At least one shot to the head had to be at least soft ammo. And with the shot in the neck coming from the front, it would have left no fragments in the limo.

I thought I'd answered your question (2) about the fragment in Connally's thigh in Post Mortem. Perry was called in to take a look because he is a cardiologist and surgeon and they feared what the X-ray showed might mean the fragment was too close to the femoral artery to risk removing it. Perry told me that hole was much too small to have been made by a bullet, that it was a fragment to being with, and because it posed no danger he recommended leaving it there.

I've never given thought to your (3) that I can recall and have no reason to agree with it now. *on Hidell car being planted.*

On 4, Humes was an anatomy idiot. He tried to probe the wound in the shoulder-blade area with JFK prone and his arms above his head when he was wounded with his arm down. The bone can move the outer tissue at that point by as much as two inches. Move your own arm up and down and try it yourself. So the bone blocked the passageway.

I understand that Oswald's tax records were released to Marina and that they show no unusual or unaccounted income.

What the 112th did is typical of our Cold Warriors. They kept records, clippings as part of their domestic intelligence and they let it be known right away that Oswald had gone to the USSR. If they had not it would have come out soon anyway. I do not now recall whether they hid the DPD then or not.

The destruction of those Army files was reported to me by a man in Army FOIA just before his retirement, when it was secure. He told me that three files had been destroyed. Those of the 112th at Inghamtown Gap, PA, not that far from here, were destroyed but I now do not recall, if I ever knew, whether they are of those three. After he informed me I gave that item to a friend and a associate of Jack Anderson and he published it.

The reason you've seen nothing about what ONI released, which is really what it gave the Commission, is because there is nothing of any usefulness in them.

I do not recall any legitimate complaints about any Oswald pay slips.

How lucky you were to have such a grandmother. Mine were both illiterate and came from a culture in which such interests were not womanly, the Ukraine, and Jewish parts of it. My parents never discussed life there in English or Yiddish when I was young and never in my presence from when I was perhaps 13, age of confirmation in Jewish belief. So from them I learned nothing about their lives there, those they fled. It was too painful for them. Also, my father had a grocery store and worked long hours. So we never had time for such conversations. By the time he finished he read the papers and I was doing home work from school. From other relatives I learned that in the Ukraine and maybe Moscow he was a little on the liberal side, radical for those days. He was in the working class

group known as the Bund, same meaning in German and in Yiddish. In this ~~six~~ country he was a member of The Workman's Circle, Arbeiter Ring. I guess a little on the Socialist side but I'm not sure. Mutual aid was part of it. So what political ideas and beliefs I developed were my own. And from my reading, which was pretty heavy summers when school and college were out.

Although I recognized that some of Franklin D. Delano Roosevelt's ideas might be close to some of fascism, I believe he did what he believed ^{was} essential for the country and for the most part was his strong supporter. My only party connection ever has been Democratic but mostly I voted split tickets. Not for Reagan's second ~~term~~ term or for either time Bush ran. ^{my vote} ~~Always~~ then anti-Republican. This time I did and I voted for but one Republican, a friend and an honest conservative. Of which there are ⁱⁿ decreasingly too few.

This least election confirms my belief that for years there has been a determined effort to make ours an overtly authoritarian society. Clinton does not know how to fight such evil and he helped them clobber him. There is little rational or even possible in what the Republicans preach save for making the richer richer at the cost of all others and we can have this country ^{explode} ~~xplode~~ if they are able to do what they preach, which is what those who pay the costs of campaigning want.

Forgot what McK said at Hood, etc. Enclosed. Gratifying as it was, perhaps most gratifying was what we saw as we walked from the stage to the exit, with the organ blasting away. All those fresh young faces on both sides the aisle looked at us and we could make their lips out saying, "thank you".

I am still getting such letters about Case Open, today from a lawyer. The word used most often in those words, "thank you." Makes us feel good.

McK was to have come yesterday but didn't. Nor today to get his share of those big navel oranges. He stays that busy. So I do not know if he has yet ^{arranged} to make ^{dupes} of the full and unedited Case Open for you and Wrone yet. Or if it was all retyped. If not I'll get what was not done typed by someone here. But I do not know when. One of the young woman doing that now, on what I've decided to title Wakath the Watchman, has told me it ^{is} too much for her and that after she finishes that she'll not be able to do more for me.

Also in today's mail from a friend who was at the Archives is a printout list of the CIA's records on me it has disclosed. About 3/4 inch. I'll ^{start} going over them in the morning when I'm fresh instead of writing. Only related to the JFK assassination. Seems like quite a bit. I'll have a student we know there and love get copies for me. 150¢ less per page if the Archives does not do the copying.

Hope I've forgotten nothing this time! Our love,

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