

Dear Dal,

1/20/95

Hasty response to your 1/14 to make the morning mail. To the degree I can respond.

There is much that makes no sense about the arrest at the theater and what seems to be abnormal may to a degree not be that at all given the surrounding circumstances.

The reason Jonny Calvin Brewer gave for being suspicious about Oswald makes no sense. Nor was he in a position to know that Oswald did not buy a ticket. There was ever reason why ^{Oswald} he should and no sensible reason why he should not. Nor am I aware of any effort to determine whether or not he did.

The heavy police appearance can be regarded as suspicious but at the same time we have to remember that the President had just been shot. I think that Alexander's presence there would be abnormal for most people but maybe not for the strange kind of person Alexander was. That a sergeant, Hill, was there can also be regarded as suspicious, maybe a few others. I do not believe that Oswald was furtive in entering the theater. Or that he would have risked attracting attention to himself by not paying the admission. If it is important enough to ^{know} ~~know~~ more I'll ask Jim Leavelle. You may remember he was handcuffed to Oswald when Oswald was shot. He and his wife Taimi are friends of ours. Just heard from him day before yesterday. It may also be regarded as unusual, if I remember correctly, that so many left the TSBD to go there. But I am inclined to attribute those whose presence may ordinarily have been considered unusual to the unusual circumstances and their personalities. By the way, the FBI ~~contradicted~~ the story of McDonald's thumb keeping the bullet from being fired.

There is controversy about whose mike was closed. It was for five minutes. What was always struck me as most unusual is that the FBI and the police made no investigation of it.

To the best of my knowledge the original of the Zapruder film left for Chicago that night for LIFE, which printed there, to use. They made a black and white for non-color pictures and their story is that is when the film was damaged. I have no reason even to suspect that the CIA ever had the original. It did have an unaccounted print its NPIU used (reprint, Photo WW) It disputed the Commission's conclusions on the shooting. Esp Z 210.

If you told me you received the disk of Case Open I do not remember. Did you?

You may want to read some of what was butchered out for your book for the kids.

If and when you go over it I'd like to know the last page number and the chapter. I think maybe all was not retyped. And remember, there may have been insertions other than where I intended. ...Doing bits and pieces of the book and then putting them together may be the best approach. I think it may well be.

Our best,

Harold