

Auckland, Thursday afternoon, 9th February 1995

dear Harold

You will be able to tell from the type that I am using the computer in my office at school to write this. I am waiting for a meeting to start in about thirty minutes and I decided to take the opportunity to dash off another short letter.

Thanks a lot for the good letter I received yesterday, I say 'good' because it opened a large window into my understanding as to what may have happened at the autopsy. If Humes phoned Perry during the autopsy and was told about the tracheotomy incision being made over the anterior neck wound, and then said nothing about it in front of the audience in the autopsy room, it means he had a very strong reason for doing so.

Maybe Humes waited and took advice from a higher authority on the Saturday morning, in the light of the autopsy and the information from Dallas? I assume Humes did not say anything at the autopsy about what Perry presumably told him over the phone because the Sibert and O'Neill report still had as one of its conclusions that a bullet had entered from the back and had not exited. Didn't Roy Kellerman say essentially the same thing?

I still wonder what the draft autopsy report that Humes burnt may have said. As you have pointed out, it would have had to be something that could be presented (and defended) in court had Oswald lived and come to trial. This whole matter of Humes' actions over the autopsy (or rather what the autopsy reported) points very strongly to some line of interference that could only have come through the military chain of command. It would seem to me that no officer, no matter how high in rank, could have taken such a decision on his own to influence (distort) the autopsy results without the knowledge and support of the very highest level of authority in the military. (This need only involve a relatively small number of people at the very top of the military, giving their tacit support [more likely] if not their active participation.)

One more quick question- what is the origin of the personnel or employee number for Oswald you mentioned to me as coming from a source in Dallas, and being more likely a CIA number rather than an FBI number? (This information was I think contemporary with what Lonnie Hudkins reported?) I cannot find any other reference to this presumably CIA I/D number apart from what you had said in your letter (of some months back in 1994!)

Well, I hope this finds you both well. I am glad you did not have an accident as a result of the hydraulic oil splash on your car. It must have been like having your windscreen broken by a stone. I have ordered a copy of "NEVER AGAIN" from 'THE LAST HURRAH' and look forward to reading it. Take good care of yourselves, and I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

my love and best wishes,
Dan.