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Dear Ray

I have had another look at John Drummond's MS and I can only repeat what I have already told you, I see his view is very limited due mainly to his restricted and somewhat biased reading. John's area of reference does not include one single author who has worked solely from the original evidence as used by the Warren Commission. Every title he quotes from, including of course the report of the Warren Commission, is flawed by speculation and theorising not rooted in the evidence. It is simply not possible for instance that the Mafia was involved in the killing of Kennedy, as put forward by David Scheim. This is however one of the 'solutions' that Drummond accepts uncritically.

The Commission's report is itself a distortion of what its own evidence revealed about the assassination. This was principally because the Warren Commission, like the FBI and the Dallas Police, considered only Oswald as the assassin. No attempt was made to look seriously at other possibilities. The single most significant discovery anybody makes from analysing the Warren Commission's work is that the crime was not properly investigated.

John Drummond makes several references to a 1993 book by Gerald Posner, "CASED CLOSED". This book was written with the active support of the CIA and Posner endorses all the substantial findings of the Warren Commission. It is a tissue of lies.

I can see Drummond has put an enormous amount of time and effort into his MS. It will be a pity if it all comes to nought. If he were to ask me for a bit of advice, I would suggest he buys copies of ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT by Sylvia Meagher, PRESUMED GUILTY by Howard Roffman, and all of the excellent WHITEWASH series by Harold Weisberg. These books are marked by top quality scholarship, painstaking examination of the Commission's own evidence, and total absence of speculation as to 'who may have done it'. If Drummond were to acquire copies of these books and study them closely he would have a far more realistic sense of what happened.

Any American editor looking at Drummond's MS would see it for what it was, a piece of writing conceived within too small an area of factual reference. I think most Americans who may be inclined to buy such a book as this would see it in the same way, as not acknowledging the view most Americans have of the process of cover up that the US government created and has maintained for the past thirty odd years.

With best regards


Dal McGuirk