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More from Ian

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To: jerrycatchall@comcast.net

Hi Jerry,

In yesterday's epistle I got so excited discussing Olsen that I forgot the other important stuff (re. Wade) in your previous message.

Your comments about motorcycle jockey D L Jackson are very interesting. Unfortunately, I have different numbers to you for m/c jockeys in the motorcade. My figures are as follows:

ADVANCE MOTOR CYCLES: 2 (Sgt. Bellah, Ptmm McBride)

LEAD MOTORCYCLES - 6 (Sgt. Ellis, Ptmm Garrick, Gray, Brewer, Freeman, Lumpin)

PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCYCLES - 4 (Ptmm Martin, Hargis, Chaney, Jackson)

FORWARD MID M//CADE - 2 (Ptmm McLain)

MID M//CADE - 2 (Ptmm. Courson, Haygood)

REAR M ID M//CADE 2 - Sgt. Smart, Ptmm Dale

That's a total of 18 out of the grand total of 26 m/cs in the Dept (not including 3-wheelers). Of the motorcade jockeys, I have just five giving WC testimony Brewer, Martin, Hargis, Baker and Haygood. The nature of my specialised research from my book demands much detail of what each of these officers actually did, saw and heard. Quite often this is very difficult to resolve- and please bear in mind that I am dealing with nearly 1,100 officers.

What you have told me about Jackson and his 6page report is new to me - and I obviously find it of great importance. If you can dig out a copy of it (and maybe also your Lancer piece from 2001) I would love the opportunity to peruse them.

I am sure that you will recall Chris Scally from last year's Canterbury Seminar. He has also made a comprehensive study of the motor cycle officers in the motorcade. We are frequently on the telephone comparing notes.

I'll sign off here. Following the enforced postponement (*NOT cancellation!) of my little walking tour, it has been rescheduled for next year. It may be sensible to spread it over two days. Would you like me to send you the timetable/schedule in advance? I think you will both be impressed.

All best wishes from the other side of Iceland. (Did you know that Iceland does not have an Army? Do they need one?)

Regards,

IAN

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From: "jerrycatchall@comcast.net" <jerrycatchall@comcast.net>
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Sent: Sat, May 15, 2010 4:22:32 PM
Subject: Re: It's Ian - at last!

Ian,

Greetings from US (better known now as Cloud Cuckoo Land).

Read your Olsen bit. Now, you can't leave me hanging: what was the nature of the "scary" meeting one of your colleague's had with this character? Is it something you dare put on the internet?

Apropos of Olsen and the Dallas police I am sure you are aware of the spiraling decline in the reputation of Dallas DA Henry Wade and the way he ran prosecution cases over his 20 something years.

I am not yet familiar with all your published works so I don't know whether you are familiar with Dallas bike jockey D.L. Jackson. By that is I mean, were you aware that he wrote up a report of what he saw on 11/22 when he was flanking the presidential limo. That evening after he signed out he wrote up what he saw that day.

The WC and the FBI never questioned the 17 bike jockies who were assigned to the motorcade. As I recall only Baker was questioned because of his confrontation with Oswald, etc.

Jackson's 6-page account of the motorcade and assassination makes two critical points: (1) That Connally was hit by a separate shot and that one the bullets hit RK above the right ear, indicating that a shot came from the Grassy Knoll. Clearly the FBI did not want to hear from trained observers like the motorcycle cops so they ignored this group of potentially critical witnesses.

A copy of Jackson's 6-pager was handed to Harold Weisberg by Henry Wade. It is in the Weisberg collection at Hood. When Kelley was FBI Director (early '70s) the FBI was pressured via press stories to question the surviving 17 motorcycle cops. Jackson was interviewed and his 6-page account was reviewed but that was the extent of the interest.

If you have never seen Jackson's report and would like a copy let me know I did a paper on this for Lancer way back in 1/2002. It was published but I am not sure when. I cannot find a copy of the published piece.

Query: I did not send a copy of my planned presentation to John Simkin for circulation. My reason was that I hope to still be above ground next April and barring that Icelandic volcano (which seems to be implacably determined to screw with the skies over England) or some other environmental disaster, I hope to be on the Canterbury program and will go with the same paper I had in mind for April 2010. I hope that didn't appear to come across as a stuffy and somewhat arrogant response.

I am hoping to do another Kennedy book but I don't know if I would have another fitting topic in hand by next April.

Now, one more thing. We need to get you the 68 pounds asap. What is your address?

Best wishes for the rest of this cockimannie year.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ian Griggs" <bjorkian@yahoo.com>

To: jerrycatchall@comcast.net, motherscarlet@comcast.net
 Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:42:01 AM GMT-05:00 US/Canada Eastern
 Subject: It's Ian - at last!

Hi Jerry and Barbara,

I have to open with a couple of apologies. Number one: please forgive my ~~idleness~~ in not composing separate messages for each of you. Number two- partly laziness, but I would be saying virtually the same to each of you.

The annual DPUK Research Seminar always tests us to the full. We ran the ~~first~~ one back in 2003. It was very much a "hit-or-miss" affair and we never imagined that it would be such a success or that we would still be hosting it after all these years. This year, as you know more than most, we encountered some unexpected difficulties which produced the enforced absence of most of our expected American visitors. The ~~exception~~ was Mark Rowe. Mark has been my house guest for more years than I can remember and ~~as usual~~ he arrived here at Waltham Abbey over a week before the seminar launch date.

This is where it all gets a little spooky. You will recall that my ~~proposed~~ "mini-tour" was scheduled for the Tuesday (20th May). so Mark and I decided to ~~give~~ it a "dry run" on Wednesday 14th. The basic idea was to make sure that everywhere I ~~wanted~~ to include could be fitted into the schedule we had drawn up.

This went well until I tried to include a new shortcut with which I was ~~not~~ totally familiar - and we ended up going round in circles. When we established ~~ourwhereabouts~~, it was mid-afternoon and my ancient legs were ready to call it a day so we located the nearest tube station and made our way home.

Got home at 4.15pm and the moment I walked through the front door, the ~~phone~~ began ringing. It was Francesca and she was going on about something that was ~~happening~~ in Iceland. You can guess what this was! Mark and I had heard absolutely ~~nothing~~ about it. We had spent most of the day sealed within the depths of the London Underground system and totally isolated from the influences of Icelandic seismology!

Like the rest of the country, we immediately switched on the TV and were ~~soon~~ aware of just how serious these matters were going to prove. It was only a couple of ~~days~~ before we were due to welcome another five Americans to the country (you!). Even ~~at~~ this early hour, it was plain that this emergency would not be gone within 24 hours. ~~I~~ am delighted to say that we managed to avoid total panic and got down to ~~assessing~~ the situation (no 'planes in or out). It was obvious that our Canterbury ~~arrangements~~ were shot to pieces. There were many phone calls and emails amongst DPUK members ~~but~~ we were determined to continue with the seminar, albeit with a greatly reduced ~~American~~ presence.

The best thing to come out of all this was the fact that not one single ~~person~~ cancelled. Stuart launched a major reconstruction job and completely ~~reorganised~~ the entire programme of events for the weekend. One of my "local" tasks was to ~~cancel~~ Nancy's hotel room at Waltham Abbey. The guy I spoke with was very ~~sympathetic~~. There was no problem and he told me that he had added her name to his "Icelandic ~~ash~~ list". Nice touch.

The seminar proved a success (as usual) and although we "lost" our four ~~main~~ Americans, several of our local members filled in speaker's spots where they could. ~~At~~ the end of the three days, we recorded a record attendance. As usual, we made a few ~~purchases~~ on our usual room auction of books, newspapers, coins, etc. A new record was ~~created~~ when a signed copy of Jesse Curry's book about the Dallas PD realised ~~£~~125. This is what can happen when you are fortunate enough to have three keen bidders chasing the ~~same~~ item.

We all hope that you can perhaps have another attempt at visiting Canterbury next year. I know that Stuart won't be long before he start putting the event together

Jerry, You have been chasing me because you want to refund the cash I spent ~~buying~~ your coach tickets. I regret that we were unable to get refunds but as their ~~prices~~ are so low, they don't refund any money. The total amount comes to ~~£~~64. This is made up as follows:

16th/19th April: 2 round-trip bus tickets (age concession) Jerry and Barbara @ £13.00

each = £26.

16th/19th April: - - - 2 tickets as above (non-concessionary) Terry and Clay @
£19.00 each = £38.

TOTAL....

£64.00

I'm sorry we were unable to recover this sum- especially in view of what caused it all to begin with.

I don't know the best way to sort this. It's up to you. Perhaps you can hang on to it until you come to Canterbury next year!

I regret I will give Dallas a miss this year. I just can't stand that flight this year. I doubt I will see Dallas until the 50th Anniversary of the assassination.

Finally, my apologies also for the delay in finally hitting the SEND button to send this message on its way across the Big Pond.

Regards and respect,

Your friend....

IAN

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