

curbstone

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Dear Jim, re withheld reports of scientific tests, C.A. 75-226 1/24/80

Yup, found another and an important one while reading 105-82555, Section 203 tonight. There it is Serial 466BX, rather part of it, the rest having been disclosed. And the rest having been disclosed, can you believe that withholding this was only an accident? Especially when what it says is not in the letter to the Warren Commission, which published that letter exactly as written by the FBI - omitting the important evidence.

I can't be sure of my recollection of Frazier's deposition testimony, and those guys were so professionally evasive there can be an if or a maybe in the part where you asked him if the three curbstone pages were all there was. My recollection is that he said they were. Well, the pages I just found are his, in his handwriting.

Remember, when he was asked to examine the curbstone and state whether there was any difference in texture, if the point allegedly struck by the alleged missed shot was not in fact the smoothest part, and he refused unless he were paid expert witness fees? We'd not have had to ask him if these pages had not been withheld, even on discovery, because his own report states that.

It also confirms my interpretation of what we did get, that this was the most magical of bullets, having come from the exact opposite direction and from another planet.

I'm not copying the first page of the Serial. It is Rankin's letter asking that they get the curbstone. They were not anxious because they pretended there was no missed shot and you may recall the name of the wounded man is nowhere in the five-volume report, CD 1. So when they finally got it this is what they did to it! Withheld it.

Interestingly enough Frazier's report states what he said on deposition, that an auto wheel-weight could have caused the deposits that the spectro picked up.

I had no doubt that the curbstone had been patched and none that the FBI knew it and covered it up. Now I'm even more convinced, why else would these center pages of the Serial be omitted under all circumstances, even discovery?

I'm fairly confident that these pages also are not in other versions of the record I've seen in other files but won't take the considerable amount of time checking will require unless you believe it is worth the effort.

Is this something that the appeals court should have, as I think?

And are you getting a better idea of why there was such resistance to this granddaddy of all FOIA cases at all points, with so much lying and false swearing and fear of having the AEC's top expert in on the tests he first recommended? Why Quinn said that with an area of  $\frac{3}{4}$  by an inch he couldn't scrape off a half millimeter of substance for testing for ESEAT?

Quinn's people all say that those who do the searching and complying have no motive for withholding, they are such nice, uninvolved people. Having no motive, when they withhold they don't withhold.

I'll won't do any more copying tonight and with the snow I don't know if I'll have the lane cleared by the time the mailman comes in the morning but when I can I'll send this with the copies of those pages. For your information, I came upon this just before 7:30 p.m. tonight. I'm dating when I read the volumes, sequentially, and Rae has all of that recorded, so when in the series I read this will be obvious, except for the minute. Also, if I haven't sent it to you I have something for you on the weight of 399.

Hastily,