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Dear Sylvia:

Thanks for your letter of 30 October. I was especially glad to know that you viewed my 11 Oct letter to Hoch favorably, and that you recognize it's importance.

I had intended to add a postscript to my letter of yesterday, but the pressure of some other business caused me to delay. In it I would have asked: what are we to do now? I agree that we should disseminate the material soon and widely, but would like it to ride quietly for a while, so that we can pick up endorsements both from medical people (e.g., Wecht) and from ballistics people (Braverman?).

I have already sent a copy of the third letter to Thompson, and before this day is over will send one to Wecht. I do not know Stamm's address, so you send to him and to whomever else you think should have a copy. Use your own judgment in handling the matter-- I shall trust you to do whatever you think will best serve the cause of getting the whole truth disclosed. You may do this, too, without regard for whether I will be bothered if I receive less than whole credit for this. I say this because I know that others are bothered about getting publicity. Understand that I just don't care one way or the other, as long as the matter itself is treated in the best way possible.

However, for reasons which I can't explain briefly, and omit here, if this new material is to produce a "kill", I would very much like Harold to be in on it. I'll write to him later, tell him what I have done so far about sending copies of the letter out, and advise him of my plans.

While the letter is going around to interested parties, and we are gathering replies, I'll try to write it up in publishable form-- partly to take it out of the context of Hoch's Pocus, and also to set it in a form that doesn't require explanations of the background. If it goes to publication in the form in which I set it, fine, but it should be presented ~~with~~ together with a review of ~~the~~ evidence and opinion related also to the movement of JFK after Z312. My material is all right by itself, and does not need help from the evidence of the movements, but I think we should think in terms of the whole question of the head shot(s), not just a part of it.

In the writing that I prepare, I shall not discuss the movement, but will present essentially what is in the letter, with a few revisions of minor errors. If I review material on the movements, it will be after I revise the material in the letter.

I am now searching for better representations of fragmentation than the one I included in the letter to Hoch. They will help.

And if I get time, I'll try to do some test firing. If you know of anyone who cares to run tests, tell me and I'll send instructions what to do. I keep putting this aside because I have witnessed the effect before and felt no need of ~~repeating~~ demonstrating what I already knew.

You probably can tell that I am writing hastily. Please excuse if I am not clear.



I am somewhat reluctant to set definite plans until I hear from Hoch. What you say at the top of p.2 of your 30 Oct letter passed through my mind, but I do not know Hoch well enough to say anything for sure. I think it best to proceed as though he were now "on the other side". It does not bother me that he knows about the dust-like fragments; there is really nothing that he or anyone can do to injure that material except to misrepresent it.

You are right in thinking Harold was hurt by what Paul has done. They were very close. The worst is not that Paul came up with this idea, but that he sprung it without warning. Had I known about it at its inception, I would have said it was a big nothing that could easily be made to seem a big something.

Anyway, let's do this for a while: I'll send the letter to Wecht, you send to Stamm. Since you know him better than I do, you write to Wecht, let him know what you think, and suggest what you think is the best thing to do. I'll write to Harold, let him know what is going on, and ask his advice what to do. (He has already indicated that he wants to use the new material in some of his writing, but that will take too long, and is likely to be swamped by other, less important, matters.)

I'll write again soon, and let you know what happens. I think it wise to keep as many trustworthy people informed as possible-- even to have them assail the material in my letter as severely as they can. Since Hoch has the letter, there's not much point in secrecy, and generally I don't like it anyway.

Stay well,

Still,

*Dick*

*P.S. Letter to Wecht is enclosed*