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Dear Mrs. Meagher:

David Lifton told me that he has copied the Dallas Police tapes for you. I am glad he did this, particularly since he knows the type of equipment that you have.

Sylvia, when you get these tapes and first listen to them, you will think that they are completely beyond understanding. But, Arch Kimbrough and I have spent over a year "deciphering" them. At times we have spent several days replaying one transmission trying to understand it. Then, when we would finally get it, it would be strange that we hadn't understood it in the first place. We wasted almost a week last year and finally came up with "there's a big old limb in the middle of Industrial," an irrelevant transmission. I can definitely say that none of the published transcriptions are entirely accurate.

We have numbered each transmission and put all the transmissions referring to each individual police officer on a 3 X 5 index card, headed with his name, number, regular assignment and special assignment for the day, if there was one. We took a big Dallas map and drew off the boundaries of each officer's district, placing his name and number in the district on this map. We have almost completed a project of tracing each individual officer's movements in and out of his district or to and from his special assignment for that day. Most of it is proving to be compatible with what we consider "proper procedure." However, there are two or three who did some strange moving around. And, knowing the city as we do, a few officers were given unusual orders that day. And there were a couple who just plain lied to the Commission about their movements.

At this point, we only have one copy of all of this work. Arch has it. But, we should complete our "rechecking" and "retracing" for accuracy in the next few weeks. If you would like to have a copy of all of this, I will be happy to send it to you. It is possible that you might see things in it that we have completely overlooked.

Apparently, you consider David Lifton quite an asset to our endeavors. I certainly do. I have been more impressed with David than with anyone I've met in person in the past six years. My youngest son has made two trips to California this year and he feels the same way.

Thank you for your very nice letter. Please let me know if there is anything we here in Dallas can do to help you in your work.

Sincerely,



Mary Ferrell