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March 27, 1969

Dear Sylvia,

This is just to let you know that mailed today, in three packages, the following materials:

- 1) Ball-Belin Memorandum; x plus 233 pp; total, 248 pages.
Bound in folder with acco fastener (sent book rate in Jiffy bag)
- 2) Adams/Specter memo; 1 plus 111 plus 106pp; total, 110 pages.
Bound with fastener (sent book rate in Jiffy pack)
- 3) 2 memos: Warren to Commission; Rankin to staff; each
with various attachments including outlines for
investigation, press releases, blog. material
(sent 3rd class in manila envelope)
total, 40 pages.

This is a total of 398 pages of xeroxing which, at the rate of 5¢/page, comes to \$19.90, plus 65¢ postage.

(Rounded off total: \$20.50) OK?

(I'm throwing in filched folders and jiffy bags free; but then, everything is filched, so who knows. Anyway, its rumored that the CIA subsidizes the account of the xerox machine I use, but this is just a rumor and must not be repeated, or I will soon be included with all those other agents.)

Anyway, as I explained on the phone, I am making heavy use of these particular items in a section of my book in which I blast away at the performance of the WC staff. These materials are sort of the cream of the crop of what my time and effort have dug up at the archives, albeit by mail. For these reasons, it is important to me that this material not be distributed and, if you want to write some articles on it, that you wait a few months. (I think I will be through with my manuscript in late spring---knock on wood---and hope my material can be out next anniversary-time.

⊗ in this particular area.

There are some really shocking things in this material. Some remarks. Ball comes through as being really stupid, compared to Specter, whose ~~memo~~ memo is a real indictment for his dishonesty. Note Ball's conclusion, in mid february, that LHO was the assassin, fired the shots with the carcano, from the se corner 6th floor etc. (This is all in the area of p238). Note also Ball's complete unawareness of "grassy-knoll" witnesses. (Somewhere in his memo, I think, he states that in view of fact that weight of evidence shows shots came from TSB, conflicting eye-ear witnesses accounts can be ignored.) By contrast, note Specter's complete awareness of the very issues that the critics brought to light in later years, after the Report came out. Such as, fbi/autopsy conflict. Note his specific treatment of the hole in the windshield (which never ~~signe~~ a conflict only because the reports were better buried, in CD 80)

In Warren-to-Commission memo, and again in Rankin-to-staff memo, note deliniation of the 6 areas, one specifically being titled: "Oswald as the assassin of President Kennedy".

There are lots of other points; these are the ones that stand out from memory.

By the way, I don't know if Griffin wrote such a memo for his area. I know Liebeler definitely did not write one. He told me he thought it was a waste of time to try to do that at such an early date. Apparently for Specter it wasn't. It gave him great practice in exactly what to avoid!

I will be answering your letter of March 22 in the near future. Its four in the morning, and I just wanted you to know all these materials were mailed.

(And by the way, I haven't the slightest idea to what Ruth Fortel is referring. All I ever sent out was the Document Addendum mailing, and the my Open City issues with the attachments, covered by the list I sent you. Perhaps a misunderstanding? Or something even more intriguing, like someone using my name?? (which I doubt)

I won't say a word about Weisberg. And, by the way, Fred is concerned that I passed on the fact that I was shown some of the Garrison "evidence". He's not at all worried about you, but its important to him that none of the Garrisonites back east know that I was shown that material; so I promised I'd pass on his request. (already explained to him that you have very little, if any, contact with those he is most worried about).

Best wishes. Happy reading. And please don't get too depressed over what has happened with Garrison. I feel that many of the critics, especially those who hoped for something down there, are practically being asphyxiated with the stench of the dead horse in New Orleans. As long as the crime remains unsolved, the case is rekindleable upon the production of interest in

new evidence. The threshold is very high---perhaps very unfairly so. But if the evidence is new and dramatic enough, and if the political implications are important enough, I'm sure the potential exists.

So I remain optimistic.

Usually.

Regards,

David

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P.S. Also attached:

- 1) Ray's reply to Fred's letter-and-memo
- 2) Letters to Schoener + Vincent Salanelce which preceded their phone call last Thursday night.