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Dear David,

The first thing that struck me in Curry's "book" was the size of that bullet fragment from Connally's "arm"--it looked about the same size as the Tippit bullet alongside. In fact, I called it to the attention of Stanley Primmer, who had contacted me and came to visit last Sunday. I had never heard of him but he told me that he knew Paul Hoch, Weisberg and others; and he seems to be level-headed, serious and intelligent.

There were a few other items of interest in Curry's book. You can get an idea of his investigative and analytical talents from his account of how Oswald asked to use the phone at about 4 p.m. on 11/22/63 and was taken to the phone booth, etc., for which Curry cites an affidavit from a police lieutenant, which is reproduced on the following page. But the affidavit actually states that the use of the phone took place on 11/23/63, not the day before--a trifle that Curry managed to overlook.

A more significant item is the photo of all the evidence seized from the Paine garage by search warrant on 11/23/63--pamphlets, papers, photos and the like. Under magnification, it is possible to get a general idea of the contents of the various photos laid out among the other papers, but there is no trace of the all-important photographs of Oswald holding the rifle and revolver, supposedly discovered and appropriated in that self-same search. Had the cops really found these photos, they would have put them in a conspicuous position among the other items, since these photos were by far the most incriminating objects supposedly discovered.

Well, Judge Haggerty has got himself into the headlines again, rather ingloriously. I don't like to crow over another person's misfortunes, but there is a kind of enjoyable irony in his embarrassment. I hope it is a long time before he again sits in judgment of his fellow-citizens.

I am not surprised to learn from your account of your correspondence with Vince Salandria that he still looks upon that horse's ass Garrison as heroic and dispassionate. One thing you've got to admit about Vince--he really sticks to his own folly with unshakeable determination.

My very close friend and editor of Accessories, Bob Ockene, succumbed to leukemia at the age of only 35 on 2 December 1969. This is one of the most terrible blows I have experienced in a long time, in personal terms, and a great loss to all of us, because Bob was not only a founder of the peace movement but committed to the fight against the Warren Report.

I am glad to know that you are hard at work and look forward to hearing from you again, about the archives order and other matters. Let me take this occasion to wish you a very Happy New Year, hoping that it will bring you the fruition of your work and a real breakthrough for us all.

As ever,