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Aug. 30, 1965

Dear Vincent,

2226 DeBucay St. - Ph.D. JFK-JC

Dave has ~~just~~ told me of his correspondence with you. I realize you already have most of the enclosed photos; but I don't believe Dave had them numbered at the time, so I'm including another set along with the notes.

Your Liberation pieces were excellent, but I do take issue with you as to the origin of the Connally shot. Dave tells me you feel Connally was hit from the knoll at about fr. 292. All the medical testimony I read seemed consistent as to the wound on J.C.'s back being an entrance wound, and the chest wound one of exit. Since in none of the Zapruder frames as shown in the volumes is his back facing the grassy knoll, I don't see how he could have been hit from there.

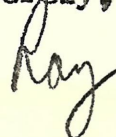
As to the timing, I think it is very obvious that he had been hit by color panel #3. Life, Oct. 2, '64, which corresponds to fr. 258.

In Hypotheses A and B (enclosed), which was worked up about 6 months ago, I reasoned he was hit between 237-240, (see Hypoth. pg 3, items d and e). More recently I have narrowed this down and now feel he was hit immediately after 237 but before 238, ~~from~~ and from the rear (possibly from the TSBDDB; but at an elevation from the left rear seems more likely)

The JC-1 photo sequence shows this; in my opinion conclusively, IF one assumption is valid. That is, if I am correct in saying that his right shoulder line is straight in 237. The line is is straight, and I don't know what else it could be but his shoulder line that changed so markedly in the next 1/18 second at frame 238. Granting this proviso, the photos also prove the shot could not have come from the knoll, because the sudden downward pitch of his shoulder shows it was thrown forward and down. If the shot at that point had in fact come from the knoll, striking him in the right chest, any immediate movement of ~~his~~ his shoulder would have been to the rear; and therefore, his shoulder line as viewed would not have ~~the~~ the observed marked downward change in angle (although as viewed in such a case it would probably appear shorter than in the preceding ~~xxxx~~ frame)

The JC-1 photo sequence is being sent at this time only to you, and one or two others. I know you are busier than hell, but when you get to it I would very much like to hear your further comments on the J.C. shot.

Sincerely,



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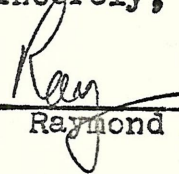
Dear Vince,

When we spoke on the phone a couple of weeks ago, you asked that I withhold judgement on your 292 Connally hypothesis until I have read your article. I said I would do so, although frankly I did not see how a hit in the back from the TSBD was possible at 292. After your call yesterday, I contacted Dave, to tell him that you were waiting for his comments; and also to tell him that you had asked me to read the copy you had sent him.

This I have just finished doing. I have also read a copy of Dave's critical letter. ~~XX~~ I agree with his critique, virtually point by point. With all due respect, I must frankly state my belief that the bulk of your article (the 292 theory) is as bad as your Liberation articles were good—and I thought the latter were very very good. I strongly urge you not to seek its publication; and I would not qualify the request with Dave's "...in its present form...". Its not the form that bothers me but the content.

As to your writeup on number 399 itself, I feel that is very good; and should be expanded into an article on its own merits; tracing its alleged background through the pertinent testimony. (I am assuming that you agree that number 399 was almost certainly planted).

Sincerely,



Raymond Marcus