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Dear Ray,

Thank you for the revised copy of your article on 399 which you generously sent me, to keep. I will certainly look for any opportunity to show it if there is a possibility of publication.

Yesterday I happened to be doing a search in the medical testimony and documents apropos of something that came up (unrelated to your study of 399) but ran into a few points which may be of interest to you. I was looking, for example, at Tomlinson Exhibit No. 2 (my compliments on your diagram clarifying Tomlinson's) and trying to reconcile it with Exhibit No. 6.

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It seemed to me that Tomlinson's sketch does not really correspond with the elevator area as shown in Price Exhibit No. 6 (located between "Psych" and "OB Gyn"). One has a vertical corridor in front of the elevator; the other, a horizontal corridor. However, if the Price No. 6 diagram is turned around, the two diagrams do correspond, except that the men's room is omitted from Price No. 6. I had not previously achieved any orientation as to the distances and routes—but as I now interpret the diagrams of the emergency area, the JFK stretcher after it was moved from Trauma Room 1 to T.R. 2 could easily and quickly have been moved to the elevator area via OB Gyn. However, that would still leave obstacles that appear to be insurmountable—the time factor.

Unfortunately, the times involved are extremely imprecise. We don't know just when the JFK stretcher left Trauma Room 1, nor what time Tomlinson found the 399 bullet. At best, the two events may have been simultaneous; and so I am more inclined than before to rule out the JFK stretcher as a source of 399.

Now the interesting thing I ran into relates to Wright's omission in his report (Price Exhibit No. 29) of any mention of the stretcher bullet. If you will look at the report of Elizabeth Wright (Price Exhibit No. 11, bottom of page 6) you will find questions to her by O.P. Wright that are even more inconsistent with his supposed knowledge or participation in the discovery of 399 than his own failure to mention 399 in his report.

Do tell me what you make of it!

Another interesting contradiction that I encountered is the indication in several of the Price Exhibits that two men were manning the elevator, not just Tomlinson alone (see Price Exhibits 7 and 29).

On a different subject—do you get "The Open Mind" on TV? We get it here on Sundays at 12 or 1 o'clock on NBC-TV, 1 hour discussion. I am told that on Sept. 19th the subject will be the WR and that Epstein and Lane, among others, will participate. If you receive this program you might alert our friends in your area.

I assume you have heard about the unnatural death of Lee Bowers Jr. The list grows longer...and longer...

You will probably be seeing Maggie about the same time as you get this letter. Please give her my love, and give Lillian my best—I am so happy to hear that her husband is on the mend.