

December 18, 1966

Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for the Brown article, I found it extremely interesting and significant, raising a number of new points, and I look forward to his book. Of course he is in error in attributing to "the political Left" books accepting ~~that~~ Oswald's guilt. He can only ~~be~~ referring to Epstein and Fox, certainly not to the others. Especially important was his raising the (not new) implications that Marina and Ruth Paine were instrumental in framing Oswald. (I've given copies to Maggie and Bill)

I think Brown's article and Triumph's publication of it shows once more that included in that broad term "right winger" are many individuals with basic integrity -- a characteristic totally lacking among cold-war liberals.

Re the Nix #5 man; yes, in my own mind I am absolutely certain of his validity. While I believe the device ~~his~~ he is holding is a rifle, I can ~~not~~ only surmise that. I refer to it as an elongated object, which category might also include a broom, a golf club, a telescope, a French bread, or a salami -- although I can't imagine what a man behind the wall would be doing with any of these items at that particular place and time.

Nor is there any particular problem in relating the downward motion of his left arm to any particular shot. I'm sure more than one of the conspirators were in the vicinity of the knoll, whether they all were firing ~~or~~ (not most likely, not), and even whether they all had rifles or not (again, most likely not).

I probably will send this material to Kern, but I wanted to get your reaction and Vince's before proceeding further. If you see Kern in the meantime, you can certainly show the material to him. (I haven't had a response from Vince, ~~xxxxxx~~ The next time you talk to him, would you ask him if he got it?)

Sylvia, the thought recently occurred to me that nothing has been made of the question of JFK'S undershirt. Undershirts -- and T-shirts -- are usually fairly snug-fitting, so the hole in it should be an even more accurate indication of the location of the back wound than the jacket and shirt. Yet, I can recall no specific reference to it in the report or volumes, nor could I find any through use of your index (albeit, only a cursory search thus far).

The only reference I could find anywhere was in the NYT, 11/30/63, in ~~an~~ UP article by Bryce Miller, datelined Dallas 11/29, headed:

"Team of 15 Doctors Strove to Save Kennedy". Towards the end of the story it says ". . . Mr. Kennedy's coat, shirt and undershirt and tie had been folded and put on one of the steel shelves lining the wall" . . .

Are you aware of any other references, whether in evidence, or in the press? If I am correct in assuming the Report makes no mention of it, I suspect it's because the ~~liars~~ liars knew they would have ~~no~~ no chance whatever of being believed that a snug-fitting undershirt rode up several inches to account for the hole discrepancy, as ludicrous as that claim is even for the jacket and shirt. Therefore I think this question may be one of considerable significance.



~~xxxx~~ Sylvia, you should know that Dave Lifton recently informed me that anything you tell Jones Harris is promptly relayed to Liebeler. As for Dave himself, I don't trust him any more with anything I don't want repeated, and am in only minimal contact with him (I talk to him, carefully, when he calls). I have no doubt in my own mind that Liebeler is using him, despite Dave's insistence the he is using Liebeler.

I agree with your assessment ~~of Kerby~~ of Kerby as a dwarf unworthy of further time. Based on a couple of earlier conversations with him, I think he also qualifies for the title, SHMUCK, (you should forgive me). Could you please send me copies of ~~your~~ recent exchange with him?

Re Ruby; I know it's probably a useless gesture -- but don't you think someone from our side must at least make an effort to see him? In my opinion, the only one with any conceivable chance of success (admittedly, an extremely slim one) would be ~~Kern~~ Kupferman. At least the almost certain refusal to permit access to Ruby--by the Congressman who has called for a new investigation--might in itself get some worthwhile publicity. This would be ~~especially true~~ more likely if Kupferman has the courage and sense to recognize the potentially historic importance of such an interview, and makes some real noise about it. If you agree, would you talk to him about it? Perhaps accompanied by Kern or Wainwright? I know this may sound like ~~pipe~~ pipe-dreaming, but I can't help but feel that history demands the effort be made, regardless of the adverse odds.

Love,

Kerby



The Ruby is favored.