

Nov. 10, 1966

Dear Shirley,

The last information on access to the autopsy photos is that no one at all can see them now except a federal body - if one is appointed to further investigate the assassination. Even federal agents (FBI & etc.) cannot just go to the Archives and see the photos - They have to apply to the K. family for permission, now and for the next 5 years, as for "outsiders" and "serving articles," they can just forget it - they needn't even apply to see them until 1971.

I did a broadcast last night with Mark Lane, Kufperman and others.

Kufperman (newly re-elected to Congress from my district) says he is going to apply to see the photos (accompanied by a forensic expert). I am sorry to disagree with you, Shirley, and I hope you won't be angry - but it is everyone's need, and I agree, that the photos cannot legally or morally be kept or restricted by any private individuals, even the Ks. They are State's evidence in a homicide and an integral part of the WC evidence and thus the property of the American people as a whole. All the more so, when there is an unresolved conflict about the wounds which perhaps can be settled by the photos.

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Since the Justice Dept. admits that it negotiated for the photos to go to the Archives in part because of the books challenging the WR and the autopsy findings, it becomes the quintessence of hypocrisy, cynicism and cheap trickery to prohibit access to the photos and their evaluation by qualified independent forensic experts. And the Ks are deliberately

preventing the examination and evaluation of the evidence!! It seems obvious that

if the photos supported the WR autopsy, they would be made available to scientists and experts. If they do not corroborate

the WR autopsy, anyone who imposes secrecy and inaccessibility is covering up for the WC. I know this will offend you

and I am sincerely sorry if we differ on the rights to the photos and the implications of the restrictions dictated by the Ks — but I have to go where the facts take me.

If I rely on faith, blind faith, or metaphysics, I might just as well apply the "faith" to the Chief Justice.

But I am not depending on anyone's

pay-so, not even the Ks — only the facts, the full facts, and nothing but the facts.

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The broadcast last night was my first personal encounter with Mark Lane and it was very pleasant and friendly.

David Welsh of Pemparts was present too, but arrived too late and left too soon for introductions or conversation.

Much as one wants to like Mrs. D. she seems to do her best to make it impossible. Apparently no one ever lives up to her expectations or meets her standard. It is a great pity - but unfortunately unpleasant and likeable people are equally entitled to justice and if one is not taken with LHO or his mother, one almost works all the harder to determine the truth.

Shirley, I do think enormous progress has been made in the last few months. We will have setbacks, of course, but fundamentally I am very optimistic about the prospects. Keesperman certainly intends to press on. Much love (and don't be angry! please)

Sylvia