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Dear Tink,

A few news items. (1) Unhappily, I learned yesterday, Greg Olds has resigned from the Texas Observer (about 2 months ago, it seems). I had sent him a book review and a reply came from a woman who signs as "editor" telling me of Olds' departure. She wants to publish the review anyhow—but I'm still dejected about Olds.

(2) Re: the "mysterious deaths": In the Addonizio trial, a prosecution witness en route to testify was mysteriously killed in a one-car collision. He was alone in the car. This is the second such death of a witness in the New Jersey prosecutions of officials linked with the crime empire, since March this year. Now, maybe we should reconsider Bowers...Worrell...maybe even Whaley? Well, not Whaley—but the other vehicular deaths.

(3) Citizen suit has been filed against the Los Angeles police and D.A. for allegedly withholding vital evidence in the RPK assassination. Plaintiff claims a second man also drew a gun...he was anti-Kennedy, pro-Wallace, and physically closer to RPK than Sirhan was. At first I was not really impressed but then Cyril Wecht told me that the attorney for the plaintiff had also represented Dr. Noguchi (and presumably has access to the RPK autopsy report). Cyril says there was one powder burn on RPK that Sirhan was not close enough to inflict and that it has never been possible to account for it. However, a second gunman seems to be ruled out by neutron activation tests, which showed that all bullets came from Sirhan's weapon.

(4) John Nichols' first suit against the Archives was dismissed so he has now filed a new action, asking to subject the physical evidence (bullet and fragments) to neutron activation and to perform other forensic tests. I wish him luck but they will never make those items accessible, not in "our lifetime" as the Earl of Warren would say.

I have gnashed my teeth so much since 11/22/63 that I'm now compelled to undergo dental rehabilitation—every Saturday from here to 1984.

So come back already, bubels, it is time.

Much love,

Hastily,