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Hello Sylvia:

My name is Rick Beaudoin and I'm with a small J.F.K. Committee here and I hope when time allows you'll respond. Let me tell you though I've not seen him for some time, I know a Gary Owens from London Ontario.

Sylvia, Are you doing any further research on the Kennedy assassination? What do you think of David Lifton's work? What is your opinion on the exhumation I'm not sure who has the story straight or right. That's the problem being so far from the scene. In speaking to a Mr. John Cullins who I met by phone through Marina, he tells me that the skull definitely was cut as it should have been. He says he tried to explain this to Gary Mack but he just wouldn't accept it. He says Gary gets so wrapped up trying to prove something he gets it all turned the way he wants it. You know what bothers me is that so many have come out with evidence and write about it and that's it. What good does that do? Perhaps there put into a non pursuit position. But look what D. Lifton has and it's just sitting there collecting dust. I'm still trying to get documents from our Canadian government on Lee Oswald. The RCMP have a file on him. Lee was in Montreal in 1963. We were in contact with the investigator customs but have lost him. He signed a document stating he received a Fair Play for Cuba leaflet from him. There are several blanks in the documents we have and were trying to piece it together. Also trying to see what else they have. Been a 3 year battle but we may soon get to see what they have'nt already done away with. (we may have to pay). The following I know will sound bizzare but for what it's worth here it is. Two weeks ago myself and another member were called to a local lawyers office. He went on to tell us that he has never told anyone except close friends about the following because he felt others would consider him nuts. He got in touch with us after seeing a local article on us. In 1969 a man calling himself Al Fermby later to say his real name was Columbo, came into his office (lawyers) around noon. (August) He said he had picked him out because his name was'nt Italian. He went on to say, don't call the police, local or otherwise. He had this thing about Mafia connections to police departments, saying if you call the police I'm as good as dead. (I'll cut it short) As conversation went on he said, I have some information I want to sell the U.S. government concerning J.F.K. assassination. I have tapes and documents with me hidden near Hamilton. Price \$150,000.00. (to me that's not much) Make necessary arrangements for me he said. He had no money. Lawyer gave him 15 dollars and told him to get out of the YMCA and go somewhere else but don't tell me where. Just be back here at 4:30 today. (lawyer didn't like idea that maybe he had been followed.

Lawyer stunned by what he had heard was unsure who to contact without them thinking he was a nut. He contacted a high ranking government official here in Ottawa and then the highest ranking official in Ottawa (as he put it) called him back and told him to contact Sullivan of the FBI in Washington. Lawyer did so. He was shocked how fast he got through to Sullivan but anyway Sullivan agreed with terms that \$15,000 would be put in lawyers Trust Fund and the other \$135,000 in a bank to be released by U.S. after they had checked documents and tapes. Also for verification Columbo identified a U.S. Senator who was involved with the assassination and accordingly is still in office today. (lawyer refused to identify) Sullivan said repeatedly to this lawyer-"don't loose him". I'll have two FBI agents up in the morning with \$15,000 cash. That surprised the lawyer. Columbo didn't make it back to the office. Next Morning two RCMP officers were at lawyers door and asked him to come with them and see that Columbo's rights were advised him when he was arrested. This again shocked the lawyer. After checking the YMCA an alert went out for Columbo. The RCMP kept in touch with lawyer in case contact was made. None. The RCMP visited the lawyer and after going through details of story the RCMP told lawyer, "he's probably dead". Summing up (I've left alot out) the lawyer didn't have this day on his appointment book because it just happened so he kept a file on it with dates names and a response from Edward Kennedy and everything is missing from his office. He has told me he didn't want people poking around (worried about life I suppose) but he told me if Bernard Fensterwald was interested he would tell him the name of the senator. He would not tell us who the RCMP officers were or the high ranking officials were either. What is your opinion of Fensterwald? Thus far in considering his story I have to ask him if the FBI ever did show, and why only \$150,000? And if he did indeed go with the RCMP that day? There are others as well but thats it for now. One last question, Has the medical report been released on the exhumation?

Thanks Sylvia in advance for taking time to respond.

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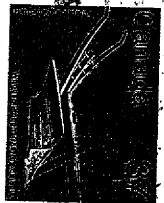
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