

Call from RAMPARTS Friday 5 pm 27.5.66

Spoke to Welsh, Bill Turner, and Dave Lifton, individually and together. They have EE's book, agree it requires complete reorientation their WR issue, so holding press on July issue and will have special supplement --instead of waiting for August--are co-ordinating with LOOK. Will credit SM assistance. Will be more conservative than originally planned but less conservative than Epstein. Will take the position that his book and others to be published mark the opening of a Great Debate on the WR and the Assassination. Will be more the referee than the advocate. RAMPARTS and LOOK will come out about the same time ie 6.25.66. RAMPARTS has permission from Viking to quote from EE's book (but not a chapter).

KENNEDY ASSASSINATION: A PRIMER

Groundwork for the Great Debate

Will posit a great national debate on the WR and the Assassination. Gave them information on LIFE's original designation of Zapruder frames corresponding to the shots; recommended they use Weisberg's point on Zapruder seeing the clutch of the throat; filled them in further on Tippit's movements, on Olsen's presence near the scene, and tracing of ammo. They will mail me draft by air special; will also mail me galley's when ready, for comments and suggestions. Agreed if absolutely necessary I will fly there for a few days.

Urged them focus on number of shots, direction of shots, bullet identification (lack of spectrographic analysis, from Weisberg's book), LHO marksmanship, and failure trace ammo to him (only 2 shops Dallas involved).

*Popkin*  
*My Review*  
*J. Brooks*  
*big piece*