

28 June 1969

Dear George,

Many thanks for your exciting letter of the 25th and enclosures; also, for the most enjoyable letter of the 4th, which I did not answer at the time because of pressure of work.

You have every right to be excited. Let me welcome you to the club, such as it is, moth-holes, paranoia, vendetta-prone, and occasionally heroic. If your new friend produces the tapes of the Dallas Police radio, there will be dancing in the streets. WHAT a find! WHAT a treasure! Bless that eccentric uncle and his closet and his nephews and his nieces by the dozen. Listen, my good friend George, if you get hold of those tapes, please send me an immediate bulletin (phone collect, even better) on the notorious alleged 12:45 instruction to Tippit to move into central Oak Cliff (see Accessories, pages 260-266). I will pay any costs if I can get a copy of the 12 hours on tape, or a transcript, and respect any conditions specified as to confidentiality, non-publication, non-disclosure, etc. My intense interest at this point is mainly personal--to know just what did happen, leaving publication to others.

Now, to Alvarez: I was greatly impressed by your "draft memorandum," which seems to me a formidable and irrefutable indictment of Alvarez, Wyckoff, and CBS. Let me hasten to say that I have no knowledge of photography or cameras, and less of mathematics, and could not follow some of your calculations with any real intelligence. But they surely appear to be valid, and within a methodical, logically persuasive structure which seems to pose an unanswerable case. Assuming that you dispose of the two "reconsiderations" described in your 6/25/69 letter, will you try to get your critique published? I would certainly hope it could come before the public or at least before the scientists' fraternity, so that the investigative standards of our esteemed Nobel laureate will become clear to those who have a most immediate interest.

I had seen some of the Alvarez letters already, as Tink Thompson had provided me with copies he had received from Dr. Menaker. In addition, I have some further correspondence which you may or may not have seen, mainly letters between Alvarez and Thompson, as follows:

Paul Hoch, notes, 2 pages, dated 8/6/67  
Wyckoff to Hoch, 2 pp plus enclosure 3 pp, 10/18/67  
Thompson to Alvarez, 3 pp plus 1 p handwritten retort, 1/1/69  
Hoch to Thompson, 2 pp, 2/2/69  
Thompson to Alvarez, 2 pp, 2/5/69  
Meagher to Isabel Davis, 1 p, 2/6/69  
Alvarez to Thompson, 6 pp, 2/14/69

Tink Thompson left for Denmark two weeks ago and I have no address for him there so I can't ask him if it is okay to send you his correspondence. However, I feel sure that he would not object to your reading them, for information, so long as you do not quote them in any way without first getting Thompson's permission.

Meanwhile, I will be leaving New York on Sunday 7/6/69, proceeding to Boston on assignment, to 8/1/69. If I ask you now to let me know if you want the above items, I am afraid that I would not get your reply in time and would be unable to forward them until I return from Boston. So I think the best thing is to send them now, without further ado and without delaying to make xerox copies. If they are not useful, just send them back (I have initialled the back of each page, in case of inadvertent confusion with other copies of similar correspondence). These are my only copies and irreplaceable, so I rely on you to return them intact in due course.

The best thing will be to hold the correspondence I am sending you until the end of July and then mail ~~them~~<sup>it</sup> back to my home address in NYC. However, if you should want to reach me about the police radio tapes or anything else while I am in Boston, here is the address and phone number for the period July 6 to 31:

c/o The World Health Organization  
P. O. Box 328, Prudential Center Station  
Boston, Mass. 02199

617 - 262-8100

Please mark any letter "Personal" and "Urgent."

Well, ex-Superbuff, I congratulate you warmly on your dissection of The Great Alvarez. It is heartening to know that new energy and brainpower is being pumped into the case, which would not have much of a prayer if it depended solely on weary and dispirited first-generation critics like me. I am receiving letters and phonecalls, I might mention, from a dear 14-year-old boy, and cannot resist quoting the close of his latest communication:

"I know that the assassination of J.F.K. has not been so popular with the American public in the past year and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , but if you are still interested lets start the ball rolling again."

Ah, Youth! Not always wasted on the young, praises be.

All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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