

Telephone call from Thomas Stamm Sunday 9 pm 1 August 1965

Mr. Stamm visited Vincent J. Salandria in Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon. Salandria is a young man, early thirties, who is completely committed to search for the real facts in the assassination. He has neglected his law practice and lost considerable income as a result; after publication of his articles in LIBERATION he was subject to some harassment from the income tax authorities, which he thinks is not unrelated to his articles. He is in touch with a young man named Epstein, of Cornell University, who is writing his PhD thesis on the Warren Commission. Epstein had interviews with a number of members and/or counsel; he is writing a major attack on the Report, apparently with the backing of his professors. I believe Epstein must be the young man mentioned to me by Eisenberg as the "only other" person to whom he had consented to talk.

Salandria's photographic evidence (mentioned to Stamm by LIBERATION in a letter), which we had assumed was the same material we received from Mrs. Field, is not actually the same. Salandria has other photographs, which he turned up some time ago, in which he believes he sees a man wearing earphones; it is his theory that the assassins communicated and coordinated the shots by use of walkie-talkies. Stamm was shown the photograph(s) and found them about as distinct as the photos received from Mrs. Field.

Salandria was very excited to learn that I had visited the Archives and had examined the Zapruder color slides. He asked that a copy of my notes be sent to him urgently. Stamm will try to photocopy the carbon copy that I sent him; if it does not come out legible, I will retype the notes for Salandria or arrange for photocopy of the original, which is the only set I have left.

Salandria would like to visit the Archives, with Stamm, as soon as possible. I explained the procedure by which I had obtained a card of admission, and then arranged for the actual visit.

Salandria was intensely interested to learn that I was preparing an index to the Hearings and Exhibits. He thinks that this would be an invaluable contribution and urged me, through Stamm, to continue working on the index and to seek publication when it was finished. He himself offered immediately to buy a copy; he believes it would be purchased by every library and institution which has the H & E. I will certainly consider publication of the index when it is completed, especially if someone else will undertake the detailed work of contacting publishers, etc., as I would like if possible to concentrate on other work.

Stamm will arrange to bring Salandria Lobenthal and other of us together, probably in the fall when vacations are over. Salandria will begin his vacation at the end of this week.

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Following the call from Stamm, I decided to speak personally to Salandria about the archives and the index (as above). We also discussed a few other matters, such as the need to avoid controversy and back-biting within the small group that are working toward the same objectives, and the need to avoid proprietary attitudes about material turned up. (I forgot to mention in the Stamm phonecall that Salandria is in touch with and if I recall correctly intends to visit Shirley Martin of Hominy, Oklahoma; but he advised Stamm not to visit Mrs. Martin on Stamm's forthcoming trip to Mexico and Dallas; he did ~~not~~ not give any reason, but Stamm is sure he must have good reasons for this.) Salandria told me that he is in touch with a group in California (Berkley), which I believe is Mrs. Field's group, and has a very high regard for them. He said that he has been told by them of new material which has turned up in relation to the streaks on the back of the sign and the four missing frames (208-211) but could not tell me what it was, as he had been asked to keep it confidential. He may be in New York one day this week (his wife intends to visit the World's Fair); if so, he will try to visit me and talk more about my index and other matters.