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Dear Mr Sprague

Mr Berkeley sent me four issues of Computers and Automation: May 1970, Dec 1971, Jan and Aug 1972.

I read your articles with great interest. You may be correct in sounding an alarm about the danger of assassination of Presidential candidate McGovern, but the data adduced in your piece, "The June 1972 Raid on Democratic Party Headquarters," is only remotely indicative. It does not transcend the realm of possibility, does not approach probability, and does not justify the flat predictive conclusion drawn from it. I would have posed searching questions.

Of more immediate concern to us, however, is the photographic evidence. I think your article in the May 1970 issue of C&A will be useful when I view the Nix film. Preparatory reading and the need to meet the October 2nd deadline for publication of an anniversary piece on the Kennedy assassination in C&A put off the target date for seeing the film until mid-October. As you suggest, I will ask you to make the necessary arrangements a week in advance.

One paragraph in your May 1970 article astonished me. It appeared under the subheading "Oswald's Message to the FBI," and asserted "Oswald telephoned the Dallas, Texas, office of the FBI on November 20, 1963, and told them that President Kennedy was going to be assassinated on November 22." You wrote this was included "Among other evidence collected by Garrison (and confirmed by Mark Lane)..."

I had not heard this nor read it before. How did Garrison uncover it? What form did Lane's confirmation take?

Establishment or disproof of this allegation is vitally important. If true, it involves Oswald in the assassination plot. The circumstances attending that call might clarify Oswald's role in the assassination. Was he merely a passive sacrificial goat? How and when did he acquire the knowledge he allegedly conveyed to the FBI? Why did he alert the FBI? What are the facts? What is the evidence?

This startling news intensifies the mystery surrounding Oswald. Research has proved him innocent of killing Kennedy and Tippitt. On these counts he was framed by a hierarchy of governmental authority and establishmentarian institutions. But what is the truth about his contacts with the FBI? Did they fall entirely within the framework of government oppressor and revolutionary victim? Did Oswald feel himself compelled to agree to "collaborate" with the FBI? Did he imagine he could pretend collaboration with it while preserving and propagating his Marxist convictions? It is a baffling enigma.

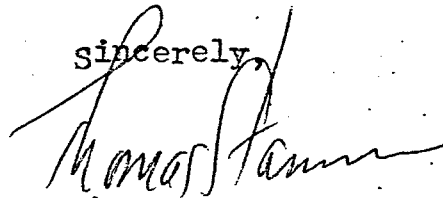
One aspect of Oswald's post assassination activity has always seemed to me to be inexplicable. What was he doing in a movie house when he was arrested? Is it credible that a man who had warned the FBI about an impending assassination of the President of the United States and had seen his prediction come true two days later would attend a movie a little more than an hour after the President was murdered? Unless, by prearrangement, he went to that particular cinema to meet someone. Whom was he led to believe he would meet? An FBI agent? For what ostensible purpose at that particular time? Or was there another or other reasons?

After Oswald was trapped in the cinema he was accused of killing Tippitt. Research has demonstrated the spurious nature of the government's chain of evidence describing Oswald's alleged movements from the locus of Tippitt's murder to the cinema where Oswald was arrested. Why frame Oswald for the murder of a policeman? Was the frame up improvised, hastily and clumsily, after the murder? In other words, did something go wrong with whatever had been planned with respect to Tippitt? Or was the frame up plotted anteriorly as an integral part of the "larger" frame up for the assassination of Kennedy?

Definitive answers hinge on the relation of the two killings and will be possible only when the reason for Tippitt's murder is established. Until then Oswald's movie going and Tippitt's demise, which seem linked in mystery, are problems which haunt the mind.

A penny for your thoughts on these matters. But first the evidence for Oswald's alleged phone call, please.

sincerely,



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