

Patricia A. ...
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Dear ...:

This won't be the usual letter from me. I can only believe, from impressions gained by reading your letters and talking with you, that you will understand. If you do not, I won't be offended.

I did not write Friday or Saturday because of grief and shock that was matched only when John F. Kennedy was killed. You are right about the Godliness of the man and I am glad you wrote it.

By this time, in your characteristic search for truth and information, you have read and heard the various specials and now have a better conception of the man. The mark of his kind of life that the only slur that was launched against him Thursday night on Open Mike was the old discredited charge that he was a Communist. There were other programs like Open Mike, in other parts of the country, that allowed no mention of this on the air since there was long ago found to be no basis for the charge. The Bob Ruark allowed "business as usual" Thursday and that is a thing that I will find most difficult to excuse. His actions were what I would have expected of a Galt, Walker and others of that sort.

Martin Luther King was a Negro, true. But his fight was for white as well as black and for all religions. And I think he will be considered the greatest man in the world in this era. He was fighting for the Negro but, more than that, he was dedicating his life to freeing the white race.

If you have been listening, by this time you have seen a parallel between this killing and that of Kennedy.

King's killer has not yet been arrested - neither has Kennedy's.

The first description of Kennedy's killer was (according to radio logs) about 5' 10", around 30 years old, weight about 165. The description of King's killer: about 5' 10"-11 29-42 years old, weight about 160 or 165.

Immediate announcements in both instances: "long assassin; no conspiracy; devoted or insane man".

Kennedy: The shots were said to have been fired from a window. King: The shot was fired from a window.

Kennedy: A rifle was conveniently left behind, at first identified as a 30.06; first reports were that it was an automatic. King: A rifle conveniently left behind, said to be a 30.06 automatic. Both had scopes.

Roger Craig said he saw Oswald leave the scene in a light-colored (according to the published testimony, white) automobile driven by someone else. King's killer left the scene in a white Mustang - first reports were that it was waiting with the motor running and that he was "driven away". I notice that the next couple of days that he changed to "he drove away".

Dealey Plaza was literally crawling with police and federal men. The area around the motel in Memphis was alive with police - and the FBI was also there.

In both instances, those who hated the men most were what we consider the extreme right.

In both instances, the shots were fired by almost perfect marksmen - in King's case, only one shot was fired and it did its job.

Oswald was supposed to have had his rifle wrapped in paper, a package too short to have been the rifle later found. The killer of King was seen immediately after with a

package. The shot to have been the rifle, wrapped in (this time) newspaper - he was not carrying any rifle according to the eye-witness.

The landlady of the building from which the shot was fired at King said at first she would be able to make positive identification. She has now changed that and says she doesn't think she can identify him.

And, Steffen, I just cannot face the prospect of another fiasco written by the FBI. Not that I think for a second that they will be so foolish as to make their reports available to us a second time. They have, no doubt, learned that the public can be relied upon to zero in on their cover-ups.

All that is needed now is, if and when King's killer is arrested, for the man to be found to be the same one who killed Kennedy. And with all the other coincidences, it is not outside the realm of reason for this to happen.

You did get your wish, by the way. The Fishes are in on it. The trail, according to Ramsey Clark, leads hundreds of miles from Memphis, to Dallas, perhaps, to the New Orleans.

The commercial film you mentioned, I saw this that day on TV. It showed the corner and other parts of the 5th floor and the famous chicken bones. I also remember they mentioned a chicken box-lunch - the box was definitely mentioned.

Thanks for the correction of CD 85, pp. 48-5. There are probably others. After all, I can't be perfect all the time, you know. A better expert than you? Heaven forbid! There is a long way to go to catch up with you even. Especially on the testimony. I think I shall be a long time, the way things go right now, completing reading that.

McDonald's hearing on the radio that Kennedy was dead. Someplace is one of the radio bugs logs - SPD or sheriff, sheriff, however it is spelled - some version or other, I remember that there was something about his being dead and then a "disregard". See also 22/915 about 12:40. If someone's head is shot off, I would imagine he was dead.

Going out to eat now and this will be mailed so, hopefully, you will get it tomorrow. Check the sketch in Saturday's paper, first page (inside their color cover). I have seen that man someplace, sometime. It was either a photo or on TV. In connection with one of the unseemly right wing outfits. He was second or third in command and I remember my disgust with what the outfit stood for. That is all I know and I wish I could recall more. If that is an accurate depiction, it was no conspiracy. But then, who truly thought it was? He could not have remained hidden this long without help, could he?

Enduringly,

H-9 (I cannot yet place myself as high as you in pecking-order.)

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