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Dear Ms Adler,

On Thursday night, November 14, on radio station WMCA, "Long John" will have as his guest Dr. Cyril Wecht, coroner of Allegheny County, president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, professor in the university in Pittsburgh, and prominent critic of the autopsy procedures and findings in the assassination of President Kennedy. The probability is that Dr. Wecht will discuss his latest "discoveries" in the National Archives - material long concealed which impugns the honesty of the Warren Commission.

A telephone call to Dr. Wecht ought to produce agreement to include the specifics of his "discoveries," which are also the subject of an article by him in the forthcoming December issue of Modern Medicine which many doctors receive, in a program on WBAI, timed for the eleventh anniversary of the assassination on or close to November 22, 1974; and summarizing recent developments in the continuing effort to lay bare the concealed truth about the murder of a president. Other material on such a program might include exposition of the triggering reason for the assassination as included in Peter Dale Scott's essay, Vietnamization and the Drama of the Pentagon Papers, which is to be found in Volume V of the Senator Gravel Edition of the Pentagon Papers (Beacon Press 1972). Incidentally, only one branch of the NY public library system has this edition; I had difficulty in buying a copy of Volume V.

And there is the study of Oswald's height which increased from 5'5" in 1955 when he was sixteen and a high school student, to 5'11" when measured in a medical examination in the Marine Corps in 1959; and then decreased to 5'9" when measured by the medical examiner in Dallas during the autopsy on Oswald in 1963 (Middlethian Mirror, Texas, August 8, 1974, page 2).

It would be in order, too, in such a program to call attention to the strange role in the aftermath of the assassination of Kennedy's physicians Rear Admiral Burkley who has been allowed by defenders and critics of the Commission to live in undeserved obscurity. For unknown reasons Burkley was not called as a witness by the Commission but submitted a deposition in which he painted himself as a sort of latterday Sir Joseph Porter, the ludicrous captain of HMS Pinafore, rather than as a service descendant of heroic Paul Jones. If Burkley's deposition speaks truly he was an unbelievable, fatuous, sentimental, romantic ninny. Yet this caricature of a naval commander assisted the doctors in Parkland Hospital in Dallas in their futile efforts to save the president and when it was all over took a belligerent posture in overriding the opposition of the Dallas examiner to the kidnapping of Kennedy's corpse after having requested and received an official death certificate from the doctor who pronounced Kennedy dead. Burkley took the certificate to Washington where he attended and observed the autopsy performed by non-forensic pathologists under strict military direction. Afterward he collected the entire medical "protocol" of all concerned, including the notes of the Dallas doctors, and issued a second

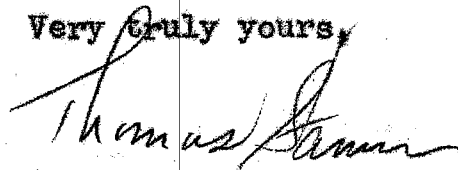
death certificate which was not included in the Commission's Report or in its 26-volume compilation of testimony and exhibits; and which was concealed and came to light only recently.

There is more of course.

If you decide to do such a program it would be useful to consult Ms Sylvia Meagher, author of Accessories After the Fact, a meticulously accurate examination of the Commission's deceitful manipulation of the evidence. Ms Meagher has approved in advance the suggestion that such a program be put together and has expressed willingness to discuss it with WBAI.

If I can help please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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