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Dear Sylvia,

I've got frightened of the telephone - until M-H come up with the readies - so will write instead. First, thanks so much for your thorough attention to my ms., and your kind words about it. The letter was salvo 1 at Mc-H, and a success. The lawyer was not a dragon, but bright. The meeting ended with the editor himself saying that the trick with this book was to make it different by saying it was - not definitive (because in fact we're saying we want more enquiry!)-but a milestone. He also uses the word integrity a great deal. And - to my pleasure - he is already plotting how best to make the strongest political impact with the book - thoughts of Tip O'Neill and other senior worthies reading it and giving it a one-liner on the jacket etc. Oh lord - I see months of bitty work stretching ahead.....

Meanwhile, the text - before it is forgotten in a sea of hype. I ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ enclose a copy of P 151 for you, and you should simultaneously receive a copy of my Ruby chapter draft. This needs insertion at the point where its page numbers start. Then you need to renumber the remaining twenty pages or so which form the closing section of the text.(466 becomes 510 etc)

I have this morning digested your comments with greater care than was possible in the cloud of haste and hayfever yesterday. I am acting on them - and raise below those which I need more on from you:

P56 - I have changed the Hudson ref to read.'Hudson was called by the Warren

Commission, but his testimony on this point was ignored.' ' Okay?

Also P 56 - I notice that I had marked both Jean Newman and Hudson for query, because I was not sure in my own mind of the reference I found to their not having testified. So let's count the text as having 'zero defects'! Seriously, am I right about Jean Newman not having testified? As you know, one must be sure to distinguish her from the Newman married couple. The ref I have for her is XXIV.218.

Page 92 - can you give me a cite for saying 'Other fingerprints found on cartons were never identified at all'...and your point about people at the TSBD not being fingerprinted. (which I find just wonderful) *CE 1980*

Page/~~104~~ - re 'red shirt'...see Roffman P 199 and accompanying cites. Let me know if you find fault with this. *"Reddish colored" WR P. 622 "red shirt" WR 626*

P 135 - I shall make the point that Combest did not make his remark about "clenched fist" in testimony. May I have a cite for his testimony? Are we sure he did not say it in some local police or FBI report of the day? *12 H 185*

P 329 - Unless it is very long, I think I ought to have a copy of CE 2216, re Heckman, against the day the HSCA uses him to link Oswald to Marcello, and so on. If it's one short paragraph, perhaps you could copy it for me. If longer, let's keep it on a checklist of things I have to sort out when I see you next.

All your other points I can cope with, or have changed already. I do have a couple of additional queries there was no time for yesterday. Answer if you have time and the patience, or keep on ice till we meet.

1) I gather that VIII.257 indicates that Oswald's Marine friends were 'surprised at the ease and rapidity of his discharge' or words to that effect. Could you give me the ~~xxxx~~ lowdown of what is actually said by whom?

2) Is there any good quote on lines 'My son was an agent' by Mrs. Marguerite Oswald? My notes of long since suggest I.233;XXII.723;I.142;I.191. Any one of these any good?

3) Am I right in thinking that the tv van (where the men we discussed saw the Creep) was near the County Jail (ie near the TSBD) rather than outside the City Hall.

*No - outside City Hall - see Rheinsterm 15 H 355*

4) When did McMillon first say Ruby came in down ramp? It's not really clear, unless I'm blind, from your text or Seth's. ~~11/27/63, or 12/4/63 see 20H 558~~ 11/25/63 to FBI see 20H 564

5) When did Dean first report the ramp version. Your text says Nov 25th. Seth's says "two days later". Could I have cites on both this and McMillon? ~~Dean got 5009 dated 11/26/63 but he says distributed 11/25/63~~

That's all my problems for now. Let me know what you think of the Ruby section, which will have adds after my session with Malone in Washington. I have failed to raise <sup>the most</sup> two important points arising from yesterday! It went well - and ended with the editor saying it merely remained to settle money with my agent. They want the book by July/mid-July for publication early next year. And I think they are going to say "Yes" to you indexing, which will be wonderful.

I shall be hugely grateful for your involvement, as well as delighted the index is yours. I have reminded him of the request in a letter to him today, and hope to have confirmation as soon as the deal is done - perhaps next week.

I'm here all the time except Sunday, when I go to Washington. If ever you phone, let it ring for ages. I'm in the attic where I belong.

It was good to get out of that damned suit.

Cheers,

Anthony Summers