

Note for the Record

Sunday 6/8/69 3: pm

Tim Thompson called, while Helen Brill was visiting (re her forthcoming surgery). He had re-read my letter of the 5th and realized that he had misinterpreted it in the first instance. I was therefore to disregard his reply (received 6/9/69, expressing "indignation").

I emphasized that I was not charging him with falsification but with sending Bernabei such a weak, ill-advised reply (or replies) that he could not be blamed for assuming the worst. I said that if he was convinced that he could not have overlooked the dent in 557-A, and did not overlook it, he should have sent a categorical denial that it was present. I pointed out that it was impossible to exclude tampering with or substitution of evidence, possibly in the wake of ASD.

Tim conceded that he should have indicated in ASD that Lt. Day subsequently altered his testimony re CE 543 (as to shell withheld). He decided to try to find out which "Philadelphia researcher" asked for the photos of CEs 543 & 557 A.