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Dear Tink,

So glad that your sister supplied you with Curry's opus since it seems that the second copy that I ordered isn't about to arrive seen or perhaps ever. If it does turn up, I can use it for my duplicate collection of WR books kept in my office desk, so don't please give it another moment's thought.

About the bullet fragment in the page 88 photo: all four Tippit bullets were deformed but none of them were fragmented. I checked this in the WR and the Hearings, which confirmed my recollection that there was no fragmentation. Other relevant factors are that this page 88 photo was taken before midnight on 11/22/63, by which time the bullet fragments in the car had not yet been discovered but a fragment or fragments removed from Connally's wrist had been given by a nurse to a state trooper who delivered the envelope containing the fragment(s) to the Dallas Police. If the caption is in fact incorrect, then we are at a loss to account for the fragment at all, in terms of the acknowledged, verified physical evidence which had been recovered as of the time that the photo was taken.

If, on the other hand, the caption is correct, then we have another prima facie case of perjury, collusion, and fabrication of evidence involving this time the Parkland doctors and Shaw in particular, since he worked on the wrist as I recall and removed the fragment(s), the police, the FBI, and Commission people, most especially Arlen Specter. How would that grab you, if it was possible to authenticate the caption and the object in the photo?

Curry may have helped more than he ever intended. Incidentally, I have recently been given a piece of new information, but under strictest secrecy, which considerably supports and advances my reasoning on the problem of Jack Ruby and the Main Street ramp and makes me more secure than ever in arguing that he never entered by that route. This is not cockamamye information but solid, and I chafe at being unable to disclose it in specific terms. In fact, I probably should not even have said even this much, so please don't let it go any further lest it should get back to my source and dry him up..

I was very interested in your account of Mark Lane's latest activities, since I had been wondering what he was up to. How that man does manage to taint all kinds of otherwise-worthy "causes"! But thank heavens he is hunting his headlines abroad rather than in this delightful land of upheaval and strife, assassination of sleeping victims (the latest style? viz. the Chicago Black Panthers and now the UMW official and his wife and daughter), and incredible permeating official corruption (New Jersey wiretap revelations). I suppose any other country on earth must be rather bland and dull by comparison with our daily multiple scandals and sensations--where even so bizarre and unbelievable a story as the Sharon Tate murders is quickly relegated to the back pages by even more preposterous and blood-curdling occurrence. I can understand the restiveness of young people in Scandinavia, where life may seem too calm and too orderly entirely (perhaps accounting for the high suicide rate--people literally bored to death?).

So glad you have all escaped the flu epidemic which (according to the radio news this morning) has now reached Turkey and is being attributed by the Turks to viruses brought back from the moon by the Apollo crews. I have not caught the bug thus far and I hope to keep immune. I'm so glad also that I shared a breakfast with you and Nancy, in spirit at least, and thank Nancy for her nice compliment. I do look forward to your return! Love,

P.S. I finally got an apology from Jeesten, per enclosure. Wonders do not cease.