

12 February 1966

Mr Harold Weisberg  
Hyattstown, Md 20734

Dear Mr Weisberg,

I am sending you the enclosed photos on loan and on a strictly confidential basis. They are not my property and I don't have permission to show them for any public view; however, I am sure that the people who are working on the photo evidence would not object to having them seen by a researcher, for personal information. The larger photo is the Moorman, although copyrighted by Willis; the smaller one is an enlargement of a section, as is evident. Please return them in due course.

I tried to call Fleet but there was no answer. I will try again on Monday. I also tried to find the name of the person mentioned once in the Report but not mentioned in the Hearings. No luck. Can you indicate whether the name is included in the index to the Report?

About Tippit: there are a number of reasons why I do not accept the official explanation that he was sent to central Oak Cliff as a matter of routine. The first transcript of the police radio log, Sawyer Exhibits, does not include that so-called instruction. It does appear in the later transcripts, CE 705 and CE 1974; but you will see that it was a joint instruction to 78 (Tippit) and 87 (Nelson). Nelson, however, acted as though he had never received such an order; he went not to central Oak Cliff but to the Depository, and when he communicated with the dispatcher about a question that came up there, the dispatcher never said a word about Nelson's ostensible disregard of the order to go to central Oak Cliff. Furthermore, the dispatcher tried to call Tippit a few seconds after 1 pm, without getting any answer, apparently because the dispatcher wanted a car to pick up blood from the blood bank all the way up on Commerce Street, and take it to Parkland Hospital. If he had really sent Tippit to Oak Cliff and then had a report from him at 12.54 that he was at Lancaster & 8th, why should the dispatcher think that Tippit was anywhere near the blood bank? In fact, why should the dispatcher have called Tippit no less than 5 times between 12.45 and 1.15 pm? Sometimes without a reply? I think Tippit was up to something, perhaps with the knowledge of the dispatcher; or if without his knowledge, then the dispatcher was uneasy or suspicious, and trying to contact Tippit with a frequency and solicitude not accounted for by events as they appear on the surface. No one else was told to go to the center of his area; when the patrol cars called in from districts far more distant from the assassination scene than Tippit's normal district, they were told to go to the Depository. No one else was sought out the way Tippit was; and the district in which he was shot was not un-covered--the man on duty was on patrol there ("91"-Mentzel) which would mean that Tippit's normal district was left un-covered while he was sent into a district where the assigned man was on duty and where nothing was going on--until Tippit was shot. Before that, all was quiet; and no one supposedly knew that the "suspect" lived in Oak Cliff (though there seems to have been a search of the Oak Cliff bus). I think all that may add up to something more than the bland official reconstruction of what happened.

I will look forward to hearing from you again. Best regards,

Sylvia Meagher