

9/13/71

Dear S,

JP sent me your excellent 9/7 to Belin. How he can respond, I don't know. This where have a strange compulsion to flaunt a pretense of virginity. They are pures as the day-old snow of Fifth Ave.

There is one point only where I think I should comment. I think I've mentioned it before. It was not at 12:15 that Carolyn Arnold saw LHO but about 12:25. The FBI lied in its original report. When they took a statement from her for other purposes, one she had to sign herself (orig. not at Arch), she set that time, misrepresented by the agents as not later than and perhaps earlier than 12:15 at about 12:25. Except for Belin purposes, where it may also be true, this is much more important than 12:15. It means he could not have gotten to the 6th floor and re-assembled the rifle in time and could not have planned to, for that was already the time the motorcade was due.

Should he respond to this he has to be nuts, so keep after him. Give him a bit of that no-witness timing of getting LHO to the (sacrificial) altar at 10 and Patton, a bit of Mrs. Schold, the missing FBI reports of interviews of Arnold, the omitted confirmation of others in the windows (vis, Mrs. Walthers), the ignored precision of Rowland's recall of what he had heard on police radio (and no other source was possible), the mislabelling of the pictures, etc. I think Specter questioned Arnold, but Belin did her (in), changing his question, refusing to change her answer, and refusing to correct her correction of an error. He was more interested in seeming extemporaneously a perfect grammarian than in truth and accuracy. He has, by the way, be totally silent about what I said and published about this. He has not even made an indirect protest that has reached me. And in the context of timing, should he respond, why not ask him why he didn't, the WC didn't, call Carolyn Arnold and NBC's MacNeil and the Dallas TV guy (LHO where Arnold said he was) as witnesses?

Best,

