

Dear Bill,

3/30/94

Thanks for your 3/25 Cooper recap and the clippings. Some of those cartoons are great! And the questions you highlighted in the Mexico assassination story are the usual, obvious ones that may be more politically complicated down there unless a random act. It will take some time, if the full truth ever emerges. We contribute a little to the same Indian school of your stickon pad.

I did not think what I said Russell said to me through but I also do not recall his ever formulating his beliefs as you attribute to the documentary maker.

As best I recall Russell believed that Oswald as the only shooter and at the same time that the single-bullet theory was impossible. He also believed that "they" never told the Commission the full Oswald story. Obviously true with the FBI only recently turning over some 50,000 pages for disclosure the the CIA having done something similar last year. If there was more to be told about Oswald in his belief, that can indicate he believed there was a left conspiracy. I'll have to reread the Cooper oral history. (When I wrote you I was under the impression that there was a second Cooper oral history.)

I do recall the resignation letter. Recently I did hear from Selby. He then told me that in response to that unsent letter Rankin assigned Alfreda Scobey to Russell, or hired her to work on Commission work for Russell. I told him that sounded like LBJ's solution.

Muzzle suppressors are new to me. How old are they? Just curious. Nobody ever talks about silencing the shots, an obvious possibility

Thank for cuing the tape on Newman. I'm deep into writing again and expect Dave Keck, who I think you do not know, today. From Lesar I hear that Newman is deep into those newly-disclosed records. Newman phoned me a month or so ago to apologize for his long silence and to say he'd be up in about two weeks. Not a word since. Lesar also said he thinks those newly-disclosed records may be largely what I have, reprocessed. He'll try to find out.

If we refer to your letter again, I'm going to file it with the Cooper file in the basement files.

Can you imagine what Cooper might have added to that "absolute negligence" comment about the FBI if he'd known about that Oswald note?

Marina was under pressure, from the FBI. I have the documents on that now. They had a special INS official shown in to threaten her with deportation.

Back to work,

Harold