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Dear Mr. Kinard,

Thanks for your order, the nice note with it, and your letter of the 3rd, both in today's mail. Here with the books.

You will find the Sibert-O'Neill report about which you asked and another one by the same agents in facsimile in Post Mortem. If you are aware of the various theories presented as fact based on this report, I suggest you read the paragraph that refers to surgery of the head with care. It states that the body was not in a body bag but was wrapped in sheets and that it was in the casket in which it left Dallas. So much for that fantasy on which so much was built, made possible by not printing the entire report and by ignoring the rest of that paragraph.

The reference to surgery of the head was probably an error made by the agents who had head the autopsy doctors ask the audience if there had been surgery of the head. This was not because the hole was enlarged but because of other, internal observations.

I'm sorry that at my age and in the state of my health I cannot take time for chit-chat, pleasant as that can be.

I do not have any copies of any Clint Hill reports. When I studied those Secret Service reports at the Archives I made notes, not being able to afford copies. The Archives can supply such reports.

I would be interested in anything anyone present at the autopsy has to say. But before he is questioned, those asking the questions should be very well informed. Can you tell me who this is? Some of the enlisted men who were there have told some pretty tall tales.

In the work you say you plan I encourage you at the beginning at least to restrict yourself to study of what is fact. You will then be in a better position to evaluate the many theories. But without a fairly full factual background it is not easy to evaluate what is presented attractively and persuasively and it is easy to be misled and misinformed. As with the report in which you are interested.

Sincerely,

