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Pear "r. Smith.

Both of us appreciate very much your kind comments inyour letter. We thank you for them. And for your call to KXAS. Next think I knew the videotape was here by "ederal Express and that was followed immediately by a call from Mike Snyder to apologize for forgetting it.

I will be very much interested in getting copies of any copies you may get from the police archive. Even if as I bedieve some are duplicated in the Commission's published exhibits. I'm filing these copies in a file limited to what is obtained from the police Schive.

You've undertaken a big job if you do research the facts about the assassination and what our government did and did not do. In addition to the large Commission afhive at the National Archives and many records other people have I have gotten about a quarter of a million pages, mostly from the DBI. So, I think you should define and limit to yourself what is of most interest to you otherwise you'll be swampe. There is also the real problem, of which you reflect awareness, of the undependability of worse of most of what has been published.

There are interesting things in the Buhk and Taylor reports that, alas, were not written until along after the assassination, 13/3. That both were written that day may indicate that they and others wefe instructed to do this that day and had not earlier. abjut which one might wonder why.

The witness they way was taken to HQ appears from the Taylor report was asked to give an affidavit because he said he heard the click as McDonald attempted to keep Oswald from shooting his revlover. Neither reports reflects any assassination interest in this witness. And the FBI says there is no evidence that any hammer hit any bullet shelly in Oswald's gun.

Whether or not there were any from the Secret Service at the branch library on Jefferson, and from my recollection of Secret Service accounting noefi of its men were there, this is interesting. I doubt very much that that long after the assassination anyone was claiming to be Secret Service when he wasn't. It also may not be likely that Netther Buhk nor Taylor knew all the police detectives. Or that perhaps the FBI was there.

The printed statement by General Walker of 11/91 is insane!

I agree that the Secret Sepvice was not investigating the Tippit killing but what Buhk says may not be correct, that it may not have been them at themlibrary.

Again thanks and best wishes.

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