

Dear Jerry,

11/75

The Tony Summers Vanity Fair article uses extensively the work of others as his own. In general he is not a dependable writer. He is inclined to sensationalize. That Oswald collude business is the work of a couple named <sup>Le</sup>Fontaines who are like him in their sensationalizing. They are a couple of free-lancers with a reputation of not knowing anything about the assassination itself and of seeking what they can sensationalize. As they have done several times. Including with the never relevant tramps. I was simply astounded this past August to see that the Wx Post gave their Fourth ~~Tramp~~ fabrication more space than I'd ever seen in its Sunday Outlook section. As soon as I read it I wrote a lengthy critique I sent to the Outlook editor. She never replied but I did hear from one her reporters who told me he had persuaded the Post to carry the piece. He resented my criticism very much, knowing nothing about the fact itself. <sup>He</sup> asked if he could send it to the LeFontaines, I encouraged that <sup>and</sup> ~~he~~ asked him to send me <sup>any</sup> ~~the~~ complaint he got. I've heard nothing from them or from him or about the book based on the piece, Oswald Talks, due by now from Pelican Press. About which I know nothing.

At the suggestion of a local history prof friend I decided to add any account of that bull to the lengthy ms. I have, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. It happens that I finished reading and correcting that yesterday morning and then your card came. In brief there is not a word of truth about Oswald or the assassination in their piece. About which they misled the Post in not letting it know that had sold it to Hard Copy, which used it 11/95! And on that they had that so-called tramp had he denied all they said. The Dallas detective, now retired, is the man who was handcuffed to Oswald when Ruby killed him. He took the time to sketch the jail for me and that destroys the basis of that concoction. I sent a copy to the Post, it sent it to the LeFontaines and I've not heard a word since. <sup>in addition</sup> they misrepresented the FBI reports, which I have. Oswald never had any cellmate. They in fact emptied the small maximum security block of three cells only that was isolated and kept Oswald in the middle of these three cells. With a cop always <sup>+</sup> sitting outside it. I have the names of the three who rotated that detail.

I've also written to add to Inside a lengthy section of the Mark Riebling/Knopf fiction that defends the CIA and says that the "edge" title of their book, that Hoover drove between those agencies ~~///~~ made that assassination possible. Hoover that time was absolutely, 100% right and the CIA was absolutely crazy. Went to some trouble to try to World War III started, all based on obvious craziness that thanks to the FBI was ended.

Best to Walter and Agnes,

Heard

Harold:

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I note in the Vanity Fair (Dec., 1994) article on current conspiracy theories — still another reference to an Oswald cellmate, never identified. Your recent card to me confirmed that Oswald did not have a cellmate. Where is this story originating? And why now?

Agel

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