

Mr. Vincent Pugliesi
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7/18/99 2:40 a.m.

Dear Vincent,

I am finally home after a long period in the local hospital, several months in a so-called nursing home (in which my wife still is) and, unable to sleep, I'm back on a mountain of accumulated mail. After our house was entered, with nothing of value stolen, no door or window broken, much moved around, and this old Hermes 3000 toyed with, broken, and since repaired. I see nothing from you stating that the friend I asked had mailed the Schrand court martial inquest to you. If that was not done please let me know and it will be.

If I remember correctly you are writing about Oswald. That is a pretty tricky subject, one on which a writer prizing a good reputation, may lose it. Particularly if he goes from most of what has been published. Most of what work I was able to do in New Orleans was on him and while I learned very much less than I'd hoped to learn, I did learn a little.

I found that all I could check of what that former Marine mate of his told me when I was in the radio station out there did check out and on returning home and being able to check the testimony, every witness who the Commission questioned about Oswald's work said it required at least a Secret clearance. The Commission had two copies of the Schrand inquest but to the best of my knowledge did not use it in any way including by not asking any questions about it.

My checking included ever Ma Sawyer, who owned the gay bar near which she and the Oswalds lived (next to each other's apartment) and one of her bartenders of that era named Kormundi.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg



March 4, 1999

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you so much for your 2-24-99 letter. When you have the opportunity to have someone do the photostating for you, I'd appreciate it if you'd send me a copy of the court martial inquest into the death of PFC Martin Sabreid, which you say contains proof that Oswald had a Crypto clearance. I'm assuming by your letter that there's some reference in the testimony at the inquest that Oswald worked inside the Crypto van.

Also, although what you say would seem to make sense, I'd appreciate a citation of authority, if you have it, for the proposition that a Top Secret clearance was a prerequisite at the time for a Crypto clearance. Also, if you have it, please send me your evidence or citation of authority that Oswald's supposed Top Secret and/or Crypto clearances were "expunged from his Marines record," as you write on page 176 of your book Case Open.

I'm sorry you're not as physically agile as you once were, but it's obvious that your mind is fortunately as alert and facile as ever. I want you to know that I really appreciate your very cooperative attitude, and I hope I'll be able to visit you and your Kennedy assassination "library" some day. Till then, take good care of yourself.

Warmest regards,

Vince Bugliosi

P.S. I'm enclosing a check for \$10 to reimburse you for the cost of paper and mailing.