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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

It was an extreme pleasure to have the opportunity to speak to you this week. I would sincerely like your input on a number of questions that I have, and look forward to speaking with you again at your convenience.

Enclosed you'll find:

1. A set of autopsy photos and an inventory summary I have prepared.
2. My "Reevaluation of Best Evidence".
3. A videotaped discussion of some of my notes pertaining to the photographs
4. \$12.50 for a copy of Post Mortem.

Please excuse the structure of some of the aforementioned written material. It is all rough draft. I have in my employ a very talented graduate student from West Chester University who will soon begin proofing this material. I will make sure you receive final proofed editions for your library.

Fox had in his possession 9 photographs. The photographer who duplicated them for me made 3 exposures of each. When time and resources permit I'll see that you have a full set of 8 X 10's.

Your question concerning why the plotters would create evidence which is contrary to their own forged investigation, is one of the most important factors in this case. It cannot be easily answered. I was convinced that the photographs were unretouched until 1988-89. Following the publication of High Treason and the KRON TV special I began to have serious doubts.

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The past two years I have spent a great deal of time trying to convince myself one way or the other...so far I'm still hung on the fence.

The only rationale I can offer is based on my 20 years as a radio newsman during which time I have covered many trials.

My experience has been that there appears to be basically two ways to conceal a conspiracy. The most common and most unsuccessful method is that of total concealment. In simple terms you destroy or sequester all evidence which would indicate conspiracy. The second method is camouflage. In this method you intentionally create contradictions in the evidence. The ultimate goal of the unknown co-conspirator is to, first deny a conspiracy exists and failing that, insure enough confusion is present in the evidence to create reasonable doubt should they ever be brought to trial.

I believe we are dealing with a conspiracy which combined both elements. Thanks to your many efforts at obtaining the sequestered documents, you tore away the tough outer skin of this thing and exposed it's inner core. The problem is that core has been intentionally corrupted with contradictory truths which are virtually indistinguishable from the pure truth.

Another realization I gained during my time with Jim Fox has helped me understand "how" this was all accomplished. Many researchers I feel have been swallowed up by conspiracy theories that require "a cast of thousands". This is simply not realistic.

An assassination requires only the employe of "shooter(s)", someone to do the killing. The assassination of John Kennedy and the ensuing cover-up made use of 3 groups..shooters...patriots..and bureaucrats.

The shooters..who could have been anyone from CIA to Mafia had one task...make the kill. If they were, as many suspect, hired by persons who had great control over the Government of the United States, then the actual plotters could manage the coverup by playing on the motives of those employed by the government...but not involved in the actual shooting.

Patriotism is a strong emotion and a powerful motivator. I do not believe Oliver North was the first American to violate the laws of this country and to boldly lie to the United States Congress.

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A great deal of my research has focused on McGeorge Bundy because he was in the best position to play on the patriotic motivation. He was the one whom the others looked to when asking the immediate question, "is this an international plot?" Is it so unreasonable to assume that the spectre of World War 3 could not prompt otherwise honest men to commit dishonest acts?

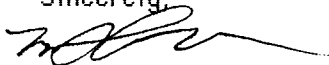
Since you have spent so many years around Washington I don't need to tell you that a large part of the population which is employed by our Federal Government, lives by a simple motto. "Do your job..keep your mouth shut..and cover your ass." These are the bureaucrats. They burn files, manipulate evidence and lie for a simple motive..to cover thier as and keep thier pensions.

You, perhaps more than any of the "younger crowd" can appreciate the thin lifeline provide by that monthly check from Uncle Sam. I too know it's importance. My father died as a volunteer fireman in Lynchburg Va. in 1964 and my mother raised 3 boys on waitress tips and survivors benefits.

Jim Fox believed the Warren Commision and felt the pictures backed them up. He believed his possession of the photo's was legal and to some extent authorized. He gave me the photo's with one singular restriction, "don't allow them to be published until after my death." His often stated reason...."they'll take away my pension." I wonder how many other men are out thier with secrets in thier "personal achieves" which they'll take to the grave because they share a similar fear?

I would like to leave you with one final question. Do you feel the evidence in the Archieves has been tampered with since it's deposit there? Could or would Ramsey Clark participate in the cover-up by altering evidence in the archieves?

Sincerely,



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