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Dear Mary,

You will recall we have had some discussion of the radio logs and I offered to enlist the aid of a radio amateur I can trust, also a communications engineer (one man), to which you have not responded.

I have read a few more pages of Bonner. To paraphrase her, she is comfortable in her role as a whole out of church. I begin to get the strong notion that she is not the incompetent she appears to be but is consciously doing a job, having an objective and serving it. Aside from untainted, open dishonesty. One thing about the radio logs points this up and reminds me of the logs.

In her summary of the significant things, she has no reference to the perfectly astounding coincidence of a mike sticking on a Channel 1 set. In her text (57) she makes casual reference, "...a motorcycle patrolman had left the button on his radio microphone stuck in the open position..." Aside from the fact that this is not an ordinary error, the switches, I believe, being spring-loaded to prevent this happening by accident, how unlike the representation in her version of the logs (311-3), where she accounts for it happening not less than four times, twice for three minutes. Until now we had been told of only one such intrusion.

With one there should have been a Dallas police investigation. If there was, there is no indication of it. The FBI and/or SS should also have investigated, even a single such "coincidence". If either did, I am unaware of it. Above all the Commission should have looked, seriously and deeply, into this. Instead, it palmed off a one-instance version whereas, unless Bonner is making it up or the police made it up for her, both highly unlikely, given the interests of both, they had to know there were four. Unless the FBI and cops deliberately deceived them. And who can rule this out.

Can you tell me anything about this?

There seems to be no basis for her statement that this happened with a motorcycle not on motorcade duty, which is what Channel 1 then was. What is the basis, if you know, for the statement this was one motorcycle all times? If that is known, then there had to have been either a report or an investigation. Do you know of any, of either?

If it was all so innocent, I see no reason for withholding the name of the poor fellow who had this unfortunate accident. She sure gives plenty of other names, not always consistently (like Murray Jackson as a dispatcher on 44, where he is the only other one mentioned, and not including him with Menslee's "office crew-dispatchers Clifford Hulse, Bob Aufstutler and Virgil McDaniel...")

It is a fine day here, with the snow gone where I have some downed trees to trim out, so I'm getting much-needed exercise outside, from which I'll have to be resting periodically. With no mail today, I may have a few more notes. Let me also ask, because you know her and presumably about her; if I indicate she may get out of character from time to time and write the truth, please tell me if you think I am too generous and that she is not truthful or accurate. With a person who is at one predisposed, ignorant and of dubious literary integrity, determining this is always a problem.

Sincerely,