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Mr. Bill Martin
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Dear Bill,

There is nothing simple about the JFK assassination, its official investigations or working in the field. What delays this letter Dick suggested more than anything else is the need of my current Freedom of Information suit for more suppressed evidence. Evidence also relevant to Post Mortem.

The note I made while talking to Dick is not new clear to me. I think he meant only what is new in the book. That, however, would be inadequate today because there is an entirely new situation and prospect, in the very broadest sense, with the subject and with what its ramifications can be.

Two recent examples of this also caused delays for me. One of the more unusual is that liberal students at the University of Virginia interested their conservative (51% Nixon voting record) Democratic Congressman in the subject, he has introduced an investigation and resolution, and some of his staff have had me to their office and have been here. They saw and were enormously impressed by a small part of the documents I plan to use in the Post Mortem appendix. It sold them completely on the fact, not just the need for an investigation to answer unanswered questions. On the other side, a liberal Democrat has made a speech and inserted one of the formerly (and messy and revealing) TOP SECRET Warren Commission executive session transcripts into the Congressional Record. As recently as during Watergate this would have been impossible. Dangerous even. Even U.S. News and World Report has several pages in the current issue, including references to some of my work. Never before with them.

It is a new world. Quite a few Congressional committees already have the authorization to conduct investigations. (I do not now expect this.)

It is not impossible for the subject to come apart. If it does anything will sell. What does it or helps will sell like crazy. This book and my FOIA suits have the potential. There is no doubt that when the book appears it will get Congressional attention and that also sells, more if the media pick it up.

If you have read the long and unedited work begin so long ago (with even that part still new) you have formed your own impressions. My firm belief and that of others who have read the work is that no condensation could have credibility until longer after the new evidence is known. We also believe that with the backstopping of the full work (which also serves other purposes) the subject would not appear to be as Byzantine. Certainly the seemingly incredible could not be put down except by deliberate dishonesty.

My hope is for the fastest possible appearance of the unabridged work while a condensation and popularization is being prepared and printed. The large work can be printed in weeks. It can generate the attention for the sale of the commercial book. I think it will, especially if as is quite possible, it figures in the news and debates that are coming.

Dick seems to favor an original paperback for this. I favor a hardback for which I already have significant new data, the smallest possible hardback. I'll have new stuff for a later papers. From an evidentiary point of view, this book has what is needed to break the case open. Can you imagine the possibilities of a book that can do this, or even if it is only part of a Congressional operation?

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg Rt. 8, Frederick, Md.

While many books, beginning with my first, destroyed the Warren Report and its conclusions, they did not have the capability of overcoming the combination of official power and dishonesty and the political and mass-media reluctance to even think of the potential of proving that the investigation of a Presidential assassination was a deliberate fake. When response was deemed necessary it centered around the allegation that there was no "new evidence."

As the result of a decade-long investigation Post Mortem includes this "new evidence" produced in large part by my Freedom of Information law suits, the fear of them, and other efforts to use the law and court hearings.

The book focuses on what is central evidence in a crime of violence, the autopsy, and what is relevant to that examination and the autopsy records. It includes copies of evidence the Warren Commission never had and didn't want; what the federal agencies wanted to withhold and did; proof of the destruction of some of this evidence; the secret thoughts of the Commission and its staff. All of this new evidence had been suppressed.

Post Mortem proves with court-admissible evidence that there was a conspiracy to kill JFK and what amounts to a conspiracy inside the government to hide this fact. It presents for the ^{first} time incontrovertible and complete proof of both conspiracies.

It proves also that there never was any official intention of investigating the crime and that the official investigation had as its main purpose making an invalid preconception appear to be valid. At least acceptable to the press and politicians.

It goes further and documents who suppressed what evidence and who suborned and committed perjury so these ends could be achieved.

It proves that there was no truthful official description of even the location of the President's wound. That all involved knew this and that even the Department of Justice, with the proof in hand, lied about it when it could no longer be suppressed.

With what I think is a sustained sense of horror it also for the first time reports what I regard as the greatest obscenity, how officialdom from the first, knowing there would be suppression, framed the Kennedys with the responsibility.

P.S to Bill

Dick said one page so I stop there. After five phoned interruptions during this little writing. Three calls were from national magazines one of which has a current piece. This kind of life is not conducive to concentration. And I've never tried to represent a decade of work and a third of a million words not looked at in several years onto a single page. I hope it is something like what Dick wanted. I presume it was not really for you.

While writing it many other things came to mind, for content and for possible evaluation of potential.

The formerly TOP SECRET transcripts I have shaken loose do have relevant and definitive content. I have other new documents of which the same is true. They add to what I think it is not immodest to describe as an unprecedented investigative-reporting job with unprecedented means of succeeding in it. Congress even amended a law to make my current suit possible. Explicitly. And the one who made it explicit is Teddy Kennedy. (Congressional Record 5/30/74.) Think of this and what it means.

There are side values in the book because there is a coming election. Men important in national and state political life figure in this book in several ways and in both parties. With what I have recently published Ford has a much larger stake than he cannot avoid because he was a Member of the Commission. He has his former Commission aide David (head of Lawyers for Nixon) Belin running the Rockefeller white-wash. Arlen Specter is a major force in Pennsylvania politics. And here for the first time is the story of what happened to all Kennedys after JFK was killed - what the executive branch and the Commission did to them. It can have political significance.

I refer to the current suit. In it I already have photographic proof germane to Post Mortem of FBI deliberate fakery. We are not done. I'm filing charges in the form of a long and documented affidavit within days. The suit is for the suppressed scientific tests, spectrographic and neutron-activation analyses. Ghastly as it may seem the FBI now claims never to have completed them or to have had the need! The reason, of course, is that the mythology could not survive it. But if this is true and if I get the chance I expect to prove perjury in this. HW