

Dear Jerry,

Junocchio

2/15/92

Glad your second TV appearance went well! Apparently Dave has been so busy he's not had time to tell me how his more recent TV appearance went. His radio appearances have been quite gratifying and because WJ has a net of public stations he reaches quite a few people on each appearance.

You refer to a caller-in saying that an alleged former CIA agent reported that JFK's driver killed ^{This is a fabri-} ~~him.~~ ~~in~~ ~~an~~ ~~assassination~~ by a man named Cooper who was never CIA. "He contrived some corruption of the Zapruder film as "proof." It would have been impossible and the Zapruder film actually proves it did not happen, if you hear that one again. You can use it if you do as a means of alerting the audience to the irresponsibilities of those who commercialize and exploit the assassination for various reasons, from profit to ego-tripping.

From what I've heard there was much more complaint to CBS over Rather's newest misinformation and self-justification than before. 60 Minutes is also working on a show. I told the staffer who phoned me that without assurances that they are not going to produce the same kind of show not to take any of my time.

If I did not send you copies, I told Nightline I do not want to hear from them again.

Because I am still getting up too early, with what sleep I get, however, being good, I try to get to be early. Thus I'm never up for shows like Nightline or Rather's. (I have an appointment next week with a neurologist who is also expert on sleep disorders, although the appointment, made by my cardiologist, was made for other reasons.)

How was Whaley on the show? By film? He died in an accident years ago. One of "ones" and Marrs' supposedly mysterious deaths. it wasn't at all.

We are OK. We hope you are all well and that you'll be able to make your planned trip this way.

Best to you all,

Harold

Dear Harold,

Feb. 8, 1992

My second appearance on that public television program went very well, although some of the questions from the audience were a bit "off the wall". For example, one woman commented that she had heard of a program put on by some former CIA agent in which he contended that the driver of the President's limousine, Bill Greer, turned around and shot Kennedy and that Jackie climbed on the trunk to escape. She said he had some accompanying photographic evidence. I discounted it both as being far-fetched and that I had never observed this in any photographic evidence I have looked at. Perhaps most significantly, the moderator took my suggestion that she set me up by quoting Howard Willens' statement that you gave me over the phone last week. Following that, I pulled out the Nov. 25, 1963 Katzenbach memo and read the second and last paragraphs. I also was able to refer to Belin's speculation that Oswald had as long as 10 seconds to do the shooting. With regard to Belin, I quoted directly from the Warren Report to illustrate his ignorance of the results of their own investigation. Apparently the operators had many more calls than I could handle on the air and some had suggested having yet another program. Given all the disreputable books that seem to be being rushed into print and into bookstores, it may be that the level of interest will remain high for a long time.

Your prediction that the CBS program which aired on Wed. Feb. 5th would be yet another video whitewash was proven with a vengeance. It was so incredibly dishonest and factually inaccurate that Dan Rather even put Stone to shame. Many of the most disreputable and contradictory witnesses were featured and Rather didn't give the viewer even the slightest hint that there were any problems with their testimony. It was a star-studded cast: Howard Brennan, Helen Markham, William Whaley, and Marina Oswald saying that her husband took a pot-shot at General Walker. They also showed the diagram of the wound to the back of Kennedy's neck, which they must know is false, especially since shortly after this they showed the autopsy face sheet diagram which places that same wound well below that. One of the memorable moments of the show was when Dan Rather asked Stone to defend his statements that there has been a media conspiracy to cover up the facts. Stone mumbled a few things, to which the morally-righteous Dan Rather responded that CBS News has done several documentaries to inform the American people of the facts!! Need I say more?

Best Wishes,

