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Dear Mr. Hurlburt,

Thanks for your letter. I enclose a list of my books.

I'm 79 now, in impaired health, and each thing I do is at the cost of something else I'll not be able to do. So I'd appreciate it if you would not ask me to take more time to respond to questions most of which I've answered in the books I've published. I'd rather spend that time putting more on paper, for the future.

Ultimately I got a fair volume of records in the FOIA lawsuit for the spectrographic results. Believe it or not, the FBI said it never filed a formal report on those tests!

What they did disclose is not congenial to the official mythology. Some of that is in Post Mortem.

I do not believe those Zapruder frames were reversed.

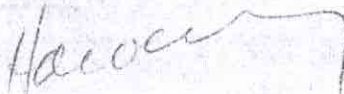
I am not persuaded that Crenshaw was truthful and I do know he exaggerated his importance enormously and that all he has on the assassination comes from those I regard as well-intended nuts who can't distinguish fact from fiction and who confabulate and make much up and then believe what they made up is fact. I am confident LBJ did not call him and the logs reveal he didn't.

I am trying to write a book on the JAMA outrage. And it is one of the things from which I do not want to take time.

I have had no interest in the Reibe-Wutker press conference and doubt much of what they have said.

I think the most likely explanation of 399 condition is that it was fired into a water tank for retrieval.

Best wishes,



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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I have been a student of the JFK assassination since 1966 and have read most of the books on the subject, including your Whitewash and Whitewash II. I have never been able to find Photographic Whitewash in any of the stores in my area and would be delighted to get a copy from you if possible.

My views about the assassination have evolved over the years, although I have always been convinced that the official verdict was incorrect. I used to think that your convictions of a deliberate cover-up at the highest levels were extreme, but I have come to believe that you have been right all along. Although I have not been in a position to do the type of independent research that you and others have been carrying on for years, I have been writing letters to newspaper editors and have given talks on the subject to local gatherings of interested people. I have also written to Larry Howard of the Assassination Information Bureau in Dallas and to Dr. Robert McClelland at Parkland but have received no response from either as yet.

My purpose in writing to you is to solicit your input on some of the questions that keep popping into my head as I continue my study of this intriguing and frustrating event in our history. I have included a short list of them with this letter and would be most grateful for any knowledge or opinions you could give me. If you prefer, I would welcome a collect phone call from you in lieu of a written response. I would also welcome any suggestions you might offer as to what a concerned citizen like myself can do to help pressure the powers that be to release the files on this case as seemed to be imminent only a few weeks ago.

Yours in the pursuit of truth,  
Charles E. Hurlburt

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QUESTIONS:

1. Where does your FOIA suit (to get the original spectographic test results released) stand? What excuse are they giving for not releasing this info?
2. Do you believe that frames 314-318 were altered to make the head wound appear to be further forward than it was? If not, why do you think the wound seems to be almost up to the top of the face?
3. Why do you think the Parkland doctors, especially Dr. McClelland who has been fairly critical of the official report, have failed to come forth in support of Dr. Crenshaw?
4. Do you know of any rebuttal effort that is underway by any of the "critics" to answer the JAMA article by Humes and Boswell?
5. Have you been able to obtain any details of the recent press conference given by autopsy techs Reibe and Custer, which was almost completely suppressed by the media? All I saw was one 3/4 inch mention in USA Today...nothing on TV at all!
6. What is your theory as to how CE 399 sustained the damage and loss of lead in its base? All the critics emphasize the "pristine" appearance but I think if one postulates that it was a "plant", one has to explain the degree of deformity that it did have. Is it remotely possible that it did indeed cause the wounds to Gov. Connally, even though the single bullet theory is obviously BS?