

5/24/97

Dear Barb,

Hope it all goes well. I've been through it vicariously. Lil has 49 years on her hysterectomy. And I was her nurse back in 1948 or so. While we were just beginning to build the house on the farm. When I was not there, was with her, those jacklegs threw all the reinforcing rods into the foundation. Just threw it in. And what I had included what I'd gotten for an uncle who was building a passageway for a creek that ran through his garage property so he could run cars over it at any point.

My Watergate files I can't get access to now. But that stuff on Caddy was in the Washington Post for sure and maybe in the NYTimes. If she can't get it it might be worth her asking Bob Woodward, who is still with the Post. He can get it from their morgue for her. Don't know if he'd do it but if she says she was a reporter he might. He might also be interested if he has any Caddy interest.

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In saying that the rest of Brown's story hangs on her word alone I was also saying that much of it not only cannot be believe, it is impossible. She picked much up from the junky books.

It makes no sense that LBJ would tell her JFK was about to be killed and he would not have said that to anyone in any form. Besides which I am confident none of that story of the assassination is true. She has that from the same junk.

I hope that when the ARRB releases that medical stuff they send me copies. I'd asked for the transcripts and they refused. I think it was pressure from me that forced them to do whatever they did do. Which may be more covering up. My pressure included the missing notes. About which ^{my} Hughes lied to HSCA.

Hope you laid in a supply of good books for your convalescing. Which won't be all that long.

Lil and I are about as well as we can be past 80. She needs a hip replacement the surgeon does not want to do yet and I was twice hospitalized for congestive heart failure, renal failure and from the ^{1st} Johns Hopkins sent the local critical care specialist who sent me there seven or more times. But I'm still here and last week that same specialist told me he'd not expected me to return alive. So, I'm doing well. He says he's surprised I've survived as I have with all that is wrong. So, I'm lucky, too!

Don't build hopes on learning more about whdunit from any medical evidence.

Good luck and speedy recovery,

Hardy

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Monday

Dear Harold,

Thanks so much for taking the time to write me about Connie Kretzberg and "Dallas Ded It" - it was wonderful to hear from you.

I have passed your info about Caddy on to her. Seems he was quite a busy boy! She sends her thanks and will check into the info you sent.

You have a good idea re citing the Parkland press conference. I have the transcript and will send it to her.

The letter ^{to} Madeleine Brown's from LBT's attorney is the only paper trail she has that confirms her relationship and son with LBT. I think that letter is pretty good confirmation. You are correct that the rest of her story and recollections pretty much rely on her word. I have spoken to Madeleine and am struck with how open and straightforward & disaffected she is. She does not put on any airs, doesn't try to come up with anything "telling", but rather just says things the way she remembers them. If she is incorrect about any of it, I am convinced it's bad memory, not bull by design.

Livingstone was after Brown to let him publish her book. She kept telling him no,

but he kept after her. From what I have been told, he tried to tell her that she had given him permission. I believe her lawyer never contacted him. Obviously, he went ahead. As far as I know, she has not sued him but is waiting to see what happens from here on out. She may feel torn between being glad her book is out and being upset at how he did this — just my opinion on it.

I am looking forward to the ARRB releasing the medical evidence they have been working on and the depositions from the autopsists — hopefully we can glean some new info — and truth — from it.

I am checking into the hospital Thursday morning for surgery (hysterectomy), so won't be spending much time at my computer "doing JFK" for at least a couple of weeks. It will afford me lots of time to read though, and I am looking forward to that part of it.

Oh — my new address is:

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I hope you and Lil are both well!

Thanks and take care!

Barb ☺