March 21, 1975

Mr Harold Weisberg: Enclosed in the latest extrusion from our Local Daily Bullshit, the Arizona Republic. They see the world through yellow glasses, and all else to them is "red".

I believe Bishop to be a local character and journalist of a flashy and unreliable temperament, but I have not checked it out. This may be syndicated and turn up elsewhere although that fact was not indicated. Look for it from the Indianapolis area which is under the same corrupt newspaper regency as Phoenix.

Arizona is experiencing a "crime wave" attributed in part to Mafia affiliates which might indicate CIA cover up in local assassinations associated with the state's notorious land frauds. There is no real expectation of successful law enforcement against our Mafia associates - if it is the Mafia - so do not anticipate any honest revelations from this area.

Copy of the enclosed reply to Mr Bishop has gone directly to the John K Lattimer, M.D., recommended by Mr Bishop but suspect he is one of those exalted characters who believe his word should be accepted because of what he is, and not by the "hardx evidence" he has developed to support his conclusions.

Sincerely,

John H Latta

John H Latta, C.P.A. (Ret)

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Harold: The above was for purpose of mailing to the publisher of the newspaper, a Mr E C Pulliam, widely known in newspaper circles, a graduate of Kansas University and co-founder of Sigma Delta Chi. Just about every right-wing organization in the nation has given him an "award" of some sort or another which must have cost him a pretty penny to purchase and store.

As to the attached, I donated my personal library to the atheist library in Austin a couple of years ago, which included my collection of books on the Kennedy assassination and the Warren Commission Cover-up. I am relying on memory now for my facts which I believe are correctly remembered since they made a strong impression on me when I first read them - primarily in your first books. If I am in error on any factual point I would appreciate your calling it to my attention.

John H.

Xerox copies of significant news clippings forwarded First Class under separate cover. Advise if not received soon.

Shortened copy of prior letter attached, to avoid closing personal reference.

Phoenix, Arizona - 85004

Dear Mr Bishop: Two matters of "hard evidence" of which you and other supporters of the Warren Report on the assassination of President John F Kennedy on November 22, 1963 seem unaware, give the LIE to the conclusions of your column in the Arizona Republic yesterday. In extenuation it appears questionable if this "hard evidence" was ever reported to and considered by the Commissioners as a body before the Report was released. Available minutes of their meetings indicate no substantive discussion of the "hard evidence" contrary to their conclusions and seemingly known to the investigative staff, to which Mr Allen Dulles of CIA descent gave much of his personal attention (See "Inquest" by Edward Jay Epstein. "The Warren Commission and the establishment of truth". Publ Viking Press - 1966. #66-021197 C.L. Index 973.922 E.)

Fact 1: The only bullet to strike President Kennedy from the rear which might have been fired from the Book Depository, created only a minor flesh wound about the middle of his back, several inches below the point indicated on the FORGED DIAGRAM of the Warren Report ! Without support of this FORGED EVIDENCE the "Oswald Theory" of the Warren Report on the Kennedy assassination falls apart of its own weight.

The original surgeon's sketch prepared in the autopsy room gave the correct location of the wound in the back substantially lower than the FORGED DIAGRAM of the Warren Report, but apparently the Commissioners as a body never saw the surgeon's sketch - only the FORGERY prepared by the Commission's staff ! The bullet hole in the back of Kennedy's shirt was the clue which led to rediscovery of the autopsy surgeon's original sketch and the two pieces of "hard evidence" confirmed each other. But there is more !

The only bullet striking President Kennedy which might have come from the Book Depository, NEVER PASSED THROUGH KENNEDY'S BODY BUT INFLICTED ONLY A SUPERFICIAL FLESH WOUND AN INCH OR SO IN DEPTH ! The shallow depth of penetration was confirmed by the surgeon's probe, but the bullet was no longer in the wound. It was found shortly after on the floor intact where the Kennedy stretcher had temporarily stood while the autopsy room was being prepared.

If fired from an upper floor of the Book Depository as alleged, the bullet's force was largely spent and it was on a downward trajectory when it penetrated Kennedy's back to inflict a superficial flesh wound, indicate the use of low-powered or deteriorated ammunition. Such ammunition could not possibly have reversed its downward trajectory, jump upward through the rib cage to shatter bones and emerged from Kennedy's throat (which bones had miraculously healed by time the autopsy was performed), go on to wound others sitting in the car, then return unmarred to lie quietly on the hospital floor until search was made and the bullet recovered. THAT IS THE MIRACLE YOU MUST ACCEPT IF YOU STILL BELIEVE THE "OSWALD THEORY" OF THE WARREN REPORT !!!

The abrasion on the front of Kennedy's neck which the investigative staff promoted into an "exit wound", had no depth and would not permit entry of the surgeon's probe. Presumably it was no more than a small abrasion from shell fragments penetrating from the front.

BUT in order to fill the order for a "fall guy" to support your "lone assassin" theory, someone with influence in investigative capacity - presumably Allen Dulles of CIA ancestry - concocted the FORGED DIAGRAM of the Report to show the back wound as the "entry

reacting sharply to his left and rear at the moment the lethal bullet struck from the front, CLEAR AND IRREFUTABLE PROOF THAT THE LETHAL BULLET WAS FIRED FROM THE FRONT AND RIGHT OF KENNEDY'S POSITION. This was covered up in the Warren Report by use of slides of individual frames prepared from the original film by the investigative staff (See statement by David Belin in UP dispatch, Arizona Republic, 3/1/75, pge A-27). Transposed slides furnished the slight forward movement of Kennedy's head to provide false indication of a shot from the rear to support the Oswald Theory. The source of the lethal bullet as from the right and front of Kennedy's position is confirmed by your own statement of "Five and a quarter inches of skull and hair flew up from the car and backward" - IN DEFIANCE OF THE LAW OF GRAVITY IF INDEED THE SHOT WAS FROM THE REAR !

Simultaneous with the lethal bullet, a slight puff of smoke and subdued sound of a rifle shot (such as from a silencer) was reported by many persons watching the parade from points in the vicinity of a grove of trees on a nearby hillock and in the direction from which the lethal shot must have come.

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The foregoing does not by any means exhaust the "hard evidence" against the conclusions of the Warren Report which you endorse. But of course your own mind is already bolted and barred against any questioning of your own superficial investigation as you "crouched in the School Book Depository" in Dallas a year or more after the assassination. It is clear you have never read and studied the "hard evidence" which challenges the foundations of the Warren Report. A reporter with such a pre-conditioned mind as yours, had best keep his mouth shut.

Your Dr John K Lattimer, despite his degrees, has no standing as a forensic surgeon, and no forensic surgeon of good repute and whose opinion would carry weight, has yet been permitted to examine the materials upon which Dr Lattimer based his unsupported opinions.

I shall, of course, send a copy of this letter to your Dr Lattimer as you suggest and, if he cares to make a significant reply, I shall pass it on to others who, like myself, consider the entire Warren Commission investigation a DELIBERATE FRAUD upon the American people, perpetrated as a POLITICAL COVER-UP OF THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION OF AN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, by a person or persons with CIA connections (Allen Dulles ?) and with sufficient influence to control the extent of the evidence the other members of that Commission were permitted to examine and consider, and capable of additionally FORGING EVIDENCE to support theories not justified by the available facts.

Sincerely,

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Jim Bishop

Historical rumor is the hardest thing in world to lay to rest

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Historical rumor is difficult to destroy. My father believed that John Wilkes Booth, tracked to Garrett's barn after shooting Abraham Lincoln, was not shot and killed by a witless soldier named Boston Corbett. Why?

"Because grandpa told me he sneaked away and lived to a ripe old age in Oklahoma Territory, that's why."

Untrue. He was buried beneath the flagstones at the capital prison. Years later, his brother Edwin, famed Shakespearean actor, identified the remains and effects of Wilkes. John Wilkes Booth was buried beside his mother in Baltimore.

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WE HAVE BEEN TOLD that Franklin Roosevelt, doddering and dying, sold his country out at the Yalta Conference. Untrue. He was doddering and dying, yes, but his wits were sharp.

He faced Josef Stalin, with Winston Churchill, to attain three goals: (1) To get the Russians to declare war on Japan within 90 days after Germany surrendered; (2) to limit Russian spoils after the war and keep her out of China; (3) to get the suspicious Russians to agree to join an organization called the United Nations.

I researched this and other aspects of Roosevelt's decline in a book called "FDR's Last Year." I say this because I spent three years interviewing his cronies and reading hitherto secret papers.

FDR got most of what he asked. Stalin agreed to send his troops eastward to fight Japan so that a million American lives might not be lost in landings on the Japanese mainland. When he made the agreement, Roosevelt did not know that Russia had a desire to fight Japan — not to help Roosevelt, but to be in on the kill and claim the Kurile Islands and two warm-water ports in Manchuria.

After much repetitious argument, Russia agreed to join the U.N. if one negative vote in the Security Council could nullify anything the U.N. proposed. The reason for this was valid — Stalin knew that the U.N. would be stacked with friends of the United States and Great Britain — and they could and would outvote the Soviet Union at any time.

What FDR lost was Poland. Stalin kept reminding the President and the prime minister that twice in one century the Germans had raced across the Polish plains to attack Russia. It could not happen again.

Stalin wanted "friendly governments" (satellites) in Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. This, in effect, would sanitize Russia from attack from the west. Churchill roared that England went to war to save Poland from the Germans and would not hand it over to Russia without a struggle.

Roosevelt said the days of "spheres of influence" were over, even for Great Britain. Besides, he said, he had 7 million Poles in the United States who voted as a unit. Stalin stunned him by saying, "You haven't got 7 million. You haven't got 5 million who vote."

Russia got her satellites. She declared war on Japan. The atom bomb worked and the United States didn't need Russia. The Soviet Union joined the U. N. and agreed to talk instead of fight. Russia kept out of China except for Manchurian port leases. Who won at Yalta? Who lost? You be the jury.

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TEN YEARS AGO, I crouched in the School Book Depository window where Lee Harvey Oswald fired shots at President John F. Kennedy's motorcade. I spent five years researching the events of one day. If I could have hinted Oswald was part of a conspiracy, that there was a second gunman, anything other than the truth, I would have had a runaway best-seller. I'd be rich.

But it wasn't so. Oswald bought the gun. Oswald, sitting on a metal counter on Nov. 21, studied a newspaper bought by another School Book Depository employe, and saw the diagram of the Kennedy parade route.

It would pass this building at lunchtime. He brought his rifle to work the following day, built a screen of empty cartons, sat in a low-ledge window, and fired three shots.

One bounced off the pavement and spattered the face of a motorist on the far side of the underpass. He felt stung, his hands rubbed his cheek and found blood. Another shot hit Kennedy's lower neck muscles from behind, tumbled through the trachea in front, and spun through Gov. John Connally's chest, hitting his left wrist and stopping on his thigh.

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THE THIRD CAUGHT Kennedy in the right rear of his head. Five and a quarter inches of skull and hair flew up from the car and backward. Among the few who have seen the presidential head and neck X-rays, and the detailed autopsy report, are John K. Lattimer, M.D., Sc. D., and two confreres — all of Columbia University.

The majority did not believe the Warren Commission Report that it was one man, one gun.

They believe now. If you want the truth, not rumor, write to: John K. Lattimer, M.D., Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City for a reprint of his recent article in "Medical Times." Rumor is harder to disprove than an outright lie.

Dear Mr Weisberg: I have been watching the unfolding of the published activities of the Presidential and Congressional committees organized to investigate the nation's espionage apparatus. I have been wondering as I sit here contemplating and studying the picture of Mr David Belin which appeared in our local newspaper (The Arizona Republic, 1/12/75, pge A-14, Associated Press credit) and compare it with Mr Belin's most recent statement regarding the Kennedy assassination in an interview published locally in the same newspaper (The Arizona Republic, 3/1/75, pge A-27, United Press International credit), if an important facet of the personal character of this former counsel for the Warren Commission has not been overlooked.

In the latter interview Mr Belin is reported as stating "to reach the conclusion that Oswald alone Killed Kennedy, one has to work backward from the murder of Officer J D Tippit after the assassination."

Since, according to at least one on-the-spot investigator whose book I no longer have in my library, the murder of Officer Tippit was linked to Oswald only by the Dallas Police Department on undisclosed testimony that was strongly and directly contradicted by several eyewitnesses closest to the scene of the incident, the evidential basis for the police accusation was highly doubtful. Perhaps you have later and better information on this ?

It reasonably appears from his own statement that Mr Belin "investigates" by first accepting a doubtful conclusion, then works backward to find evidence which supports his initial conclusion, disregarding bits of real evidence along the way which he cannot reconcile to the conclusion he seeks to establish.

I am under the impression this is the manner in which many of our best mystery novels are written, such as the Perry Mason series, but is hardly the method by which murder investigations should be conducted.

I am further wondering as I sit here, if Mr David Belin with his "weak" face (if the local newspaper portrait is a reasonable facsimile) has not inadvertently revealed himself as an extreme schizophrenic of long standing, i.e., a victim of that egoistic mental condition (not insanity) in which the person afflicted lives perpetually only half in the real world of which he is part, and the other half withdrawn into a dream world of his own making where everything he wants to be true is ipso facto the truth.

To such an egoistic and sometimes brilliant mind, imbued with the pleasant infallibility of his own dream world, the manufacture of forged "evidence" to fit his own conclusions would only be another step to arriving at TRUTH, and he would remain incapable of understanding or accepting any reasoning or valid evidence pointing to a different conclusion. He would tend instead to become violently angered by any suggestion that his conclusion could possibly be wrong.

Such schizophrenics are frequently capable of arguing brilliantly and convincingly for their train of thought to fill in gaps of tangible evidence, and in the legal profession this could well be a valuable trait. Even the most brilliant criminal lawyers, when faced by evidence contrary to their client's interests, could (and perhaps are) a bit schizophrenic at times !

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