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Dear Friend: I enclose copy of newspaper clipping credited to the Washington Post Service, from yesterday's Arizona Republic, which I know you will wish to see. My own feeling is that there is a new day a-dawning in the matter of the Kennedy assassination on which you have spent so much time and effort, and I believe the membership of the Senate and House committees includes several who are outspoken and will not tolerate any efforts of the "old guard" to put the lid back on the assassination matter.

For your information, I have largely concentrated mailings to members of the three committees whom I consider least likely to abide by any attempted "cover-up", especially so soon after the Watergate affair, as follows:

Presidential Commission:
Hon Nelson Rockefeller, at his Senate Office, not for Mr Belin's eyes.
(Belin only when directly named).

Senate Select Committee:
Arizona Delegation:
Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep)
Others:
Senator Gary Hart (Colo - Dem)
Senator Frank Church (Idaho - Dem)
Senator Walter Mondale (Minn - Dem)
Senator Richard S Schweiker (Pa - Rep)
Senator Howard Baker (Tenn - Rep)

House Select Committee:
Arizona Delegation: (not members)
Rep John R[illegible] (Rep)
Rep John Conlan (Rep)
Rep Sam Steiger (Rep)
Rep Morris Udall (Dem)
Others:
Rep Ronald Dellums (Cal - Dem)
Rep Michael Harrington (Mass - Dem)
Rep Bella S Abzug (N.Y. - Dem)
Rep Donald M Fraser (Minn - Dem)
Rep Paul N McCloskey (Cal - Rep)

Your leaflet sent me by Mr [illegible] was enclosed in the first of each mailing to the above sent by First Class mail, so we can be sure each got to the direct attention of each principal addressed, not immediately to the wastebasket.

Although some part of the evidence may have softened a bit over the past decade and no longer be "hard", it seems to me that two crucial bits of evidence must still exist, i.e., (a) the Kennedy shirt and its bullet hole, and (b) the admitted direction followed by the skull fragment and brain tissue after the lethal shot which, as I understand it, was confirmed from the Zapruder film. These two facts standing alone without other confirmation should be enough to blast the Warren Report into the tiniest smithereens.

As to CIA culpability, we then would have the obviously <u>forged documentation</u> which, in the final analysis, is no more than "lying" to which CIA Directors are now on record as admitting was CIA <u>policy</u> in difficult situations.

Finally Mr Allen Dulles was specifically the CIA Representative to the Warren Commission and was the only member who specifically devot-

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Dear Friend: Sorry I was unable to get my letter of March 30th off to you earlier with attached clippings from the local Yellow Establishment Press.

From this distance it seems the "blue ribbon" commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller has gotten off to a bad start and is now straddling the horns of a very high and very sharp dilemma.

This morning's Associated Press dispatch as handled locally seems to contradict what I understood Rockefeller to say on television last night, i.e., that the assassination of President Kennedy with involvement of the CIA therein, was well within the scope of the Rockefeller Commission's authority. The local news headline seeks to dispute this, but the text of the news item seems to confirm my earlier impression of Rockefeller's statement.

Mr David Belin apparently did not reaffirm his earlier statement to the contrary, and the news dispatch only quotes his earlier statement which Rockefeller's statement seems to contradict.

The "hard evidence" of the forged diagram of the Kennedy back wound, plus the tampering with the sequence of the Zapruder film in the Warren Commission Report apparently by or with knowledge and consent of the Warren Commission staff headed by the same David Belin, is too well and widely known to be suppressed at this late date by mere denials no matter how widely respected their source.

Any attempted repetition of the Warren Commission "Whitewash" without extensive and convincing re-examination of the physical evidence related to the assassination itself, would destroy beyond salvaging the credibility of the Rockefeller Commission, its staff, and destroy the political stature of every person associated with it and/or the preceding Warren Commission.

Rockefeller seemingly has only two options, i.e., to voluntarily commit political suicide by upholding and endorsing the Warren Commission Report by refusing to re-examine the evidence alleged in the Report itself, or else to salvage his treasured reputation for personal honesty and integrity by a full and open re-consideration of all evidence now alleged to disprove the conclusions of the Warren Commission Report.

In the light of seemingly damning evidence against the conclusions of the Warren Commission Report involving questions of possible deliberate lying and forgery in its preparation, the entire matter of the assassination will most certainly be raised by members of the two Congressional committees, with strong probability neither the influence of President Ford or the CIA will be able to effectively suppress such re-investigations in the name of "national security".

Sincerely,

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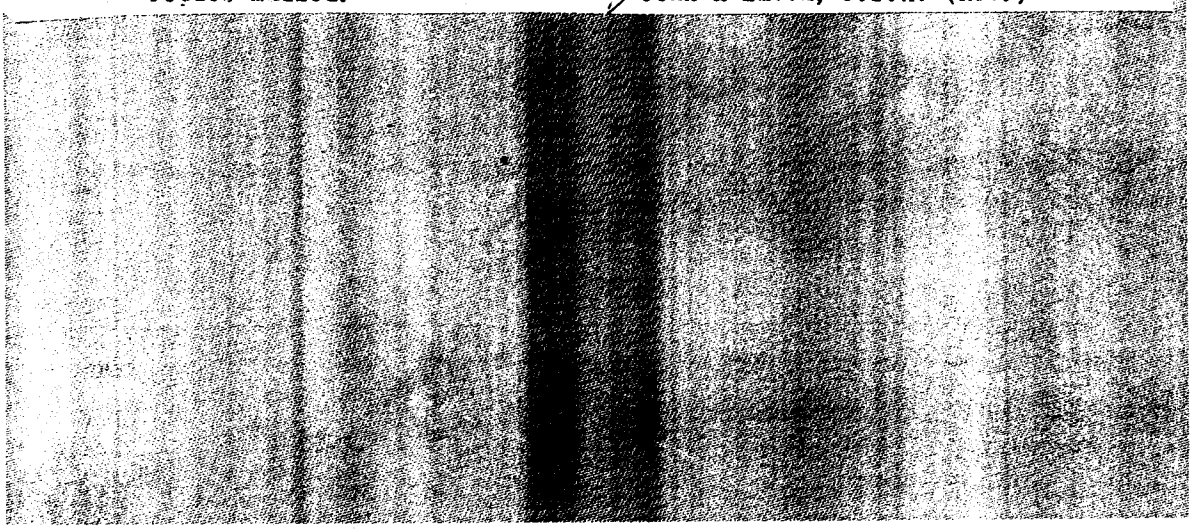

ed a large part of his time to the investigative staff headed (so it is said) by schizophrenic David Belin, and consulting with them on the handling of the evidence the investigative staff developed. It is inconceivable that the official CIA Representative to the Warren Commission would not have maintained a liaison with the then Director of the CIA and his staff, of whom at least John McCone is still available for first hand testimony on how CIA's official Representative (with or without Mr McCone's advice and assistance) handled the "cover-up" in at least the following respects:

1. Did the CIA at official levels cooperate with the FBI in developing the "cover-up" and suppression of adverse evidence known to private investigators ? Or was there such cooperation known and permitted by agents at lower levels of which top officials were cognizant ?
2. Was CIA and/or FBI influence used to prevent the Warren Commission from adopting the legal "adversary" form of public hearings to permit the accused assassin from arranging for his own defense ? Were such "star chamber" proceedings due to knowledge of the government agencies involved, that the accused assassin did in fact have a valid defense against the accusations of the Warren Commission ?
3. Was the assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald while in custody of the Dallas Police Department, pre-arranged by agents of the CIA and/or the FBI with the Dallas police, in order to prevent Oswald's testimony in court ?
4. Since the "hard evidence" hereinbefore cited virtually "proves" Oswald innocent of the actual assassination, by what devious means were the CIA and the FBI so quickly able to identify and apprehend their pre-selected "fall guy"?
5. If innocent as the law presumes, by whom and by what means, was Oswald "set up" to be accused assassin in the "star chamber" proceedings of the "BLUE RIBBON" Warren Commission ? Could this sort of "pre-arranged guilt" of innocent persons be carried through by agents of the CIA and/or the FBI without prior knowledge and approval of higher officials in these government agencies ?

There is more here than the present investigative committees can handle without doubt. BUT they can quickly investigate and determine from the Kennedy shirt and the Zapruder film if these bits of "hard evidence" are as we have believed them to be. This should be sufficient in itself to compel further disclosures from CIA and FBI representatives how these bits of "hard evidence" can be reconciled to the "Oswald Theory" of the Warren Commission Report which officials of these government agencies have accepted and publicly supported.

This far the several present investigative committees can undoubtedly go in a relatively short time, and dispose of this phase of their investigations. Public reaction will then determine if this should be dropped or continued further.

One passing thought: Is Nelson Rockefeller quite as "blue ribbon" as was Earl Warren ???

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P.S. Has "blue" changed to "gold" ?

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