

Dear Jim,

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FLASH! RAOUL IS ALIVE, WELL, FOUND AND IN LIFTON'S POSSESSION.

So the grapevine, second-hand from Dallas, tells me.

With a deal from Randon House, New Times tie-in about which Policoff has said nothing.

There is supposed to have been a torrid session with the committee last week in which Sprague demanded all of this to get the committee continued and Lifton refused. Sprague is then supposed to have called Lifton a traitor to his country. Lifton is then said to have retorted that he'd been doing this work all those years and Congress had done nothing so why should he give it to them?

It sure would be great if this is a true story about finding that man.

Just so he does not come from one of those tunnels Lifton said Brown and Root dug throughout Dealey Plaza without being seen.

Or from those paper mache trees he also had there, the ones removed with nobody in Dealey Plaza seeing them taken away.

The buffs are feeling very uneasy about the committee. My phone has been busy. One reported a conversation with the committee's flack, Chardack (phon.) C told the buff "why don't you amateurs just move aside now and let the pros handle it?" Buff asked "What do you know about the subject." The answer was "nothing." How did he get his job? Sprague brought him down to handle the public information.

He then wailed about their cut in pay and was not happy when he was told that 2/3 of what they had been getting is something, that those he called amateurs had gotten nothing. He merely grumbled. And that without the amateurs there would be no committee.

This buff has been speaking locally on JFK. He even got to address medical conventions on the autopsy. He is getting to see Francisco. He has been getting many requests to speak on King, so many he phoned for a copy of Franks-Up to use.

His name is Wallace Milan, Dyersburg, Tenn. If you hear reports of his using my work I told him it is okay and that he could also make slides from the book to show.

Ed Williams tells me there is a new book, an Information Please Almanac on assassinations! Also other crap I do not recall out or coming out. Interestingly enough Harper has not sent him a copy of Moynley's book.

The Enquirer is doing nothing with Cutler's stuff. Even they say it is bad. Heard by phone today. Also that an editor friend had put in a proposal for them to provide a professional for several months to arrange my files in return for access. The top editor had not responded, either way.

Zodiac carried an item in which I charged irreconcilable conflict of interest to Shaheen. Wallace Moore of WGTB, Georgetown's FM station, phoned me about it today, I suppose already aired. His last question was what should Shaheen now do? I said go back to Memphis and practise law. (He told me the station has added some new equipment that gives it greater range. It always had a good signal here.) I doubt it had much of an audience. It is also likely that there is careful official coverage.

In returning some materials I'd loaned him Gardner included a note that ends "Now that Gonzalez is determined to fire Sprague, I suppose the next big AIB theme will be 'Who is Henry's Control?'"

Best,