

Lifton

Dear Dave,

11/13/78

Before the afternoon assassins session begins hasty thanks for your letter of the 9th and the carbon of your letter to Paul, to whom I had already written.

What your friends tells you about detecting the origin of specimens is interesting but is beyond my capabilities. If you can go farther with this, which I doubt because the Archives never grants permission for such private examinations, I'll be interested in the results.

For my immediate purposes knowing the weights and other identifications of the specimens Guinn examined would probably be adequate.

Jim's brief is due the end of this week if he got the time extension he requested. Otherwise it is overdue.

So we can't use any information in it.

Might be helpful for oral arguments.

Sincerely,

JL-Lifton at his self-serving best,  
telling me what means nothing and  
writing Paul when that serves no purpose  
for me.

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Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Harold,

I am attaching a letter I have sent Paul Hoch , re any Guinn notes he made.

This weekend, I am getting back a superior tape recorder, from repair, and will do my best at getting you at least one additional page of transcript. The page I sent you is the only one I made.

Here is a piece of information you may find useful. Checking with a friend who should know, I have been told that one way to see whether or not the little slivers in the sample box are in fact authentic fragments, or were scraped off with a tool of some kind, is to photograph them either with an electron microscope, or with a good quality ordinary microscope. I am told that if the flakes were physically removed by scraping---no matter what the tool---a micro-;photograph would easily reveal that fact. To be specific, it would show the tool marks on the flake just as a rifle barrel engraves the stria on the surface of a bullet. And that a flake dislodged during a collision would break along lines determined by crystal structure---easily distinguishable from a flake taken off with a tool.

My friend has promised to send me some literature relating to this; and I have been considering writing a memo to the HSCA---not that it will do much good.

But taking a picture of something through a microscope is the simplest kind of non-destructive test, and it just might develop evidence of what we suspect--- that the fragments are fake.

Again, I'll try and do a bit more on that tape this weekend.

Regards,



David

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Paul Hoch  
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Dear Paul,

As you know, Harold is in court with regards to the spectro business.

Both of us now have tapes from Goldberg's original cassette of that hallway meeting with Dr. Guinn. Unfortunately, the tape is very difficult to transcribe, and Harold notes that although nobody intended it that way, the tape requires the kind of knowledge you get from having been there. He says that as Guinn talked, you made notes. Could you please send him a xerox of any Guinn notes you made--- or better yet, expand ~~xxxx~~ them into some form of readable memo, so we will have the most complete copy possible of just what Guinn was saying out there in the hallway??

I'd appreciate a copy of anything you have, or create, in connection with this.

Thanks.

Regards,

David Lifton

cc: Harold Weisberg