

Dear Bill,

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Yesterday I finished reading and correcting the rough draft of what I've done about Groden's The Killing of a President, a very bad, ignorant and dishonest book most people will not be able to recognize for what it is. Old friends whose taxes bill does come a bit late and that delayed my getting to sleep for several hours. While I got the same amount of sleep I usually get, I awakened tired this morning, perhaps from the change in routine. Anyway, I decided to copy and send you the ms. on the <sup>Walt</sup> ~~Mark~~ Brown book and when I started to do the copying found that I'd already done that, from appearances, and cannot find the original. I do not staple the originals and do staple the copies and this set is stapled. When I feel more up to it later I'll make a further search. If I do not find it I'll send something else I think I did copy, an addition to a book ms. of more than a year ago. That one is already on a diskette.

I explain it.

As you know, we have no way of learning from any of the investigations who did the assassinating. When lawyers face that kind of problem in court they address who had the motive, the means and the opportunity. Only one of the professor friends to whom I sent copies of the diskette printed it out and read it. He has a very high opinion of it. He is a historian whose speciality is World War II armies. I did that in the usual rush and with what was at hand. Then I was sent a book and copies of part of a book both addressing the Cuba Missile Crisis of 1962. It is one of the major considerations of what was done. So, I used them in an epilogue and that is what remains to be retyped on a diskette.

In the part that is done I go into how close we then were to World War III as most people do not realize and what that would have meant.

One of those books is by the Cuban Castro had negotiating with Kennedy, on Kennedy's initiative, at the time he was killed. The other is by one of the first men in the CIA's National Photographic Interpretation Center. I explain that bit. First, his book had to have been OKed by the CIA. Second, the part I use goes into one of the areas of assassination mythology, the baseless belief that Oswald had radar secrets to give the Soviets and they used that to shoot Francis Gary Powers down. As I've known for some time, he had no secrets but this book that the CIA man did goes into that rather fully. Actually, it makes a case that we had Powers shot down to block the detente Eisenhower and Khrushchev were working out. Sending Power on that flight at that time was done with the almost certainty that with what we knew of the Soviet defenses he would be shot down.

I'll probably add to this later.

Perplexed and thinking about what could have happened to the original of the Brown ms. I came to believe that I'd sent it to the friends who are retyping Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. I've written them, asking them.

I've copied the title page, not on the diskette, the first page of the text (after Preface or Introduction) a page reflecting how we do lengthy quotations, but since then we've reduced the indentation for them to five spaces, and page 354, the last page to give you the next number.

There will be a problem that can await the future with the conclusions written and to be followed with new chapters! but I think on balance that will be best for now. If there is any future use it can be taken care of then.

The next chapter of 15.

The paperclip on the right margin of page 39 is how I mark pages with correction on them, for the typist and for after the retyping.

I have the diskette of this but if I take it from where it is I may forget where it was or may need it before return if I loaned it. But if you would like to read it, or think your daughter(s) would I can ask one of the friends to whom I gave a diskette to lend it to you.

I think it will really frighten you.

And I think it will tell you more about JFK.

I see I'm wrong on some of the above, confused a bit with the Newman book, both of which now seem to far in the past although they were not. This ~~is~~<sup>one</sup> in unfinished and I've no intention of finishing it. It is a lead into the future. So do not change the chapter titles beginning with 15. Keep them as they are on this original.

It is coming back to me a little now. The important parts are the epilogue and the Afterword. What I use in them I used at greater length in the Newman book. What follows them is the first three weeks of the new era that I believe is a great disaster for the country. In life and in politics there is no quick fix that works and in politics in a time when with all the modern wonders the people should be better informed they are less informed, But the chapters of the epilogue are not really part of the book. However if your daughter has no problem in copying them they can be looked at in the future and it then will be known if they go in the right direction. The direction there now would not be if JFK had not been assassinated.

I really appreciate your daughter's willingness to do this because I will be happier going over it and seeing if I made any mistakes. Then I'll feel better about the record for the future.

Many thanks to you all,