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Dear Gary,

The box with your ms, appendix A and the cassette came today. Because I am deep into so many things, with a manuscript of my own to start reading and correcting, and it is more than 250,000 words long, probably more than 300,000 words, and because I'm tied up all day tomorrow, I dropped everything and first read your letter and then started Appendix^A because of what you say about it on the first page.

You say you "are under certain time restriction." I take this to mean that the deadline is about 42 days after March 12 from your first graf. I cannot possibly do anything in that time. You mailed it 2/27 and it is now only 11 days before you have to get it to the grammatical editor. The only thing I can do, which I think I told you, is read it in odd free moments, of which I do not have many.

You say also, "We have gone out on a large limb if someone is going to saw it off behind us as we would like to know now rather than say, July, October or later. If you feel that there are areas of potential trouble, misuse of data or facts..." you'd like to know.

These are things you should have raised with me long before you completed the ms.

I wondered more when I read what you say on page 2, "that we have come up with some new ideas of the shooting..." That troubled me much, as I'll explain. And then you want, your emphasis, "everything generated by FBI agents Sibert and O'Neill, either from the small branch office in Baltimore or from Washington." They generated nothing from Washington and the resident agency from which they worked ~~was~~ existed because the Baltimore office required agents to be stationed elsewhere. Like here in Frederick. That one was and is in Hyattsville, on the Washington border. While your lack of accurate information troubled me, that you imagine troubled me more. You are imagining a role they did not have, and believe me, Francis O'Neill is alive and quite capable of suing. As Greer and Kellerman, being dead, cannot.

So, to begin with, I have nothing at all to do with any assassination theorizing. Before I appear on a TV show I get the promise that the show will not do anything like that. I get double-crossed but I refuse to appear without that promise. You are conjecturing and I won't be associated with that in any way.

As I skimmed the first part of Appendix A I immediately disagree with your account of them on page 1. Your sources on page 5 do not include your source on those citations, which was published long ago. (You even misspell the name as "Spectre," too.)

When you say at the bottom of page 3, "Greer ~~fires~~^{fires} the first shot, striking the President in the throat," consider your limb sawed off and be prepared to be sued by an assassination nut/exploited name Cooper whose impossible notion this is and who has

for years been selling that, including in a VCR cassette. You have not seen any such thing as a revolver or pistol in Greer's hand, in Cooper's ^{my} version, obviously, his left hand. Perhaps with a poor copy you imagine seeing it. In any event, it is not there. The easiest way for you to satisfy yourself on it is to have ~~some~~ ^{my} someone you trust in Washington go to the Archives and have them project the slides for those frames. The slides are made from the original and I've projected them to a four-foot width and found them clear.

Why did you not ask me about this and the other things you apparently go into, as suggested by your interest in non-existing Sibert-O'Neill reports, before you went to all this work, cost and trouble?

I do not take time to take any initiatives against any books and I won't [✓] with ~~mine~~ yours but you can be sure that if it gets any attention at all you'll be clobbered by the sires of all the other theories.

And if the book does not get any attention, it gets no sales to amount to anything.

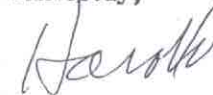
If you still want me to read it, I'll do that when I can. But all I'll promise to do is use a highlighter to call things I consider wrong or dubious to your attention. I can't begin to take the time to annotate. I can do that only with my right hand while I hold what I'm annotating with my left. I must keep my legs elevated when I'm not walking.

In thumbing through the appendix I see that you refer to the autopsy report holograph as not [✓] Humes made after talking to Perry. And in the caption on 13 you say of the correct locating of the wound in the back that it is "as observed and recorded at Bethesda autopsy."

It is not and it certainly is not as "recorded" there. It comes from the Burkley death certificate, which I published in facsimile in Post Mortem.

On page 21, Figure 6, you have a negative photostat of the receipt I also brought to ^{light} ~~life~~ in its original form, black on white. The only source I recall of the one you use is one of Mark Lane's tricks to pretend this came to light as his work, in a very bad piece he wrote for the old Los Angeles Free Press.

Sincerely,



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