Dear John,

Thanks for the Finck decoration.

I also regret that we had so little time together and that so much of it was an imposition on you in driving me around. Perhaps some day in the future we'll be together longer. I hope so. And I do, very much, appreciate your many kindnesses.

My baggage did catch up with me, but not before the agents got their revenge for the publicity I gaves them in vinneapolis. I had last seen it on the Breniff chute. Three days later Breniff located it where my plane did not go, in Couston, with Delta. It was promptly returned, the bag ruined, and without any of the notes I had in it. They will do no one else any good, for they were a few brief notes of expenditures and messages to me in Minn.

My typerwiter, practically new, was so badly demaged that I traded it in yesterday. The cost of repair esceeds its value. The dealer will junk it.

My tape recorder? That, too, was inoperative when I got the New Orleans. I had to borrow one there. It is now being repeired, too.

How helpful it was to see to it that when I began my work I could neither type nor tape interviews! I now have a better understanding of the need for ever-increasing taxes. These extra governmental services dd cost money!

My trip was, I believem fruitful. I am satisfied that I have now moved the case into several new areas and have developed additional information and viable leads onm others where we had knowledge. With the freedom we so thoroughly enjoy in the mails, perhaps I'd best let it rest here until we meet again.

Again, meny thenks.

Sincerely.



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May 20, 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 7 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Harold:

We all enjoyed your talk here last Thursday night. Am sorry your stay was so brief and that we did not have time to talk further. Presume that by now your baggage has caught up with you.

Enclosed is Xerox copy of Colonel Finck being decorated. I clipped this out of a bulletin of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and pasted it into my Warren Report. Will write soon as I have something new.

Sincerely,

Encl. JN:mc St.

COLONEL FINCK RECEIVES LEGION OF MERIT



Director, MC, USA, while Mrs. Finck watches. Legicn of Brig. Gen. Pierre A. Legicn of Finck, Merit Blumberg, USA, AFIP

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Merit at a ceremony honoring him upon his departure from the Institute for reassignment. usa, Chief of t ary Environmental 7 received the Legion of Col. Pierr Chief of the AFIP's I Pathology A. Finck, Ballistics

educational programs of fore governments." He was The citation accompanying the award pointed out his promotion of "International goodwill by his Jurists Commission at the time of consultant he provided the Warren Commission was also cited for the assistance the Panama incident in 1964. commended for his services as Kennedy assassination. to the He was specifically report on International foreign

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CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound, head.

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CLINICAL SURMARY:

president was Governor John B. Commolly of Texas and directly in front of Mrs. Kennedy sat Mrs. Commolly. The vehicle was moving at a slow rate of speed down an incline unto an underpass that leads to a freeway route to the Dallas Trade Mart wheretthe president was to deliver an address. gennedy seated on the same seat to his left. sas riding in an open car in a motorcade during an official visit to Dallas, Texas on 22 Hovember 1963. The President was sitting in the right rear seat with Mrs. Sitting directly in front of the According to available information the President John F. Kennedy,

fell forward bleeding from the head. (Governor Connolly was striously wounded by the same gunfire.) According to newspaper reports ("Washington Post" November 22, 1963) sob Jackson, a Dallas "Times Herald"Photographer, said he looked around as he heard the shows and saw a rifle barrel disappearing into a window on an upper floor of the searby Texas School Book Depository Building.

sen the car was driven to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. In the emergency room of that bespital the Fresident was attended by Dr. Malcolm Ferry. Telephone communication wirl be. Ferry on November 23, 1963 develops the following information relative to the observations made by Dr. Ferry and procedures performed there prior to death, Shortly following the wounding of the two

addine. A tracheostomy was performed by extending the latter wound. At this point bloody air was noted bubbling from the wound and an injury to the right lateral wall of the trachea was observed. Incisions were made in the upper anterior chest wall his wounds. The President was pronounced dead approximately thirty to forty minutes after receiving wrest occurred and closed chest cardiac massage failed to re-establish cardiac action. end saline were begun and oxygen was administered. Micterally to combat possible subcutaneous emphyseme. Dr. Perry noted the massive wound of the low anterior neck in approximately the Despite these measures cardiac Intravenous infusions of blood

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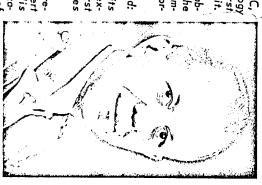
Lieutenant Colonel Pierre A. Finck, MC, USA, Chief, Military Environmental Pathology Division, AFIP, has been awarded the first Cluster to the Legion of Merit.

lishing the first pathology center for the Armed Forces in Vietnam while he was commanding officer of the Ninth Medical Laboratory. LTC Finck was cited for his part in estab-

The citation accompanying the award stated:

"Commanding the unit during its formative period, LTC Finck's skill and experience led to the establishment of the first pathology center for the military services Vietnam.

precise, exacting and accurate characteriza-tions of observations served as a model of eriantific reporting to his staff " scientific reporting to his staff... "Despite pressing duties, he fre-quently gave time for consultation and expert testimony in official investigations. His



LTC PIERRE A. FINCK