

Dear Jim,

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The enclosures will give you a notion of how busy I've been this a.m. It now is only a little after 10. The AP man is coming.

I've read the Mobile piece on O'Toole from the St. Louis ~~Times~~ Globe-Democrat.

There is much that is fascinating in it because of the reflection of O'Toole's thinking and what he is really saying outside his book, with it as the vehicle.

Particularly because of what you yesterday told me are his views and those of the woman who spoke to you who is with him or represents him and all these protestations of pure purpose and respect for me and my work, I am fascinated by what I suspect comes from my New York press conference and I've seen and heard nowhere else from him. It is what I've been saying for years, alone or close to it:

"Warren had a very difficult task, and it wasn't simply to get the truth. It was to maintain some kind of stability in trying times....."

I didn't make enough copies of the Freed letter because I was also on the phone and put carbons in without paper! Rushrushrush and the results.

Please watch the papers I don't see carefully on the material I told you about last night from Kevin. Two enclosures may have a few more details on it and there should be more in the papers. I'm surprised that there was no electronic coverage I heard or heard of yesterday because the west-coast and Canadian play was heavy and the Canadians had to find out some way. But I don't know that it was even on the wire. Art's station subscribes to UPI and feeds it.

No mention in our edition of the Post and it broke just too late for the day before's.

Best,



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Did Oswald tell the truth about JFK?

By PHILIP NOBLE

Forget about Dick Gregory's blurry blow-up of Howard Hunt in Dealey Plaza. Gregory's suspect photo can't hold a candle to George O'Toole's lie detector test exculpating Lee Harvey Oswald of the murders of John F. Kennedy and Police Officer Tippit.

Mr. O'Toole, 39, the former head of the CIA's Problem Analysis Branch, bases his claim of Lee Harvey Oswald's innocence on a relatively new and not universally accepted polygraph device called a Psychological Stress Evaluator.

The extra fine tuning of the PSE can detect inaudible variations in vocal frequencies in recorded voices. Stress in the voice doesn't always indicate lying. But the absence of stress, according to O'Toole, does indicate the speaker is telling the truth.

Q: Was Chief Justice Earl Warren, the principal author of the "Warren Report," a liar?

A: When I ran the Chief Justice's statement — "We found no evidence of any kind that there was a conspiracy" — through the PSE, we found nothing to indicate he was lying. Yet there was hard stress on the words "no evidence."

Q: And what do you conclude from that?

A: I have a great deal of admiration for the Chief Justice Earl Warren. I don't want to go around saying the man lied without explaining that in some instances this is the best way to save one's

Warren had a very difficult task and it wasn't simply to get at the truth. He was to maintain some kind of stability in trying times. If he equivocated, if the commission offered the country anything less than a certainty about the assassination, then the country could have been torn between right and left, each blaming the other for the crime. Perhaps Warren believed his "Report" was essentially correct, but that an awful lot of cracks had to be papered over nonetheless.

Q: Apparently you trust Oswald more than Warren.

A: On the night of the assassination, a reporter asked Oswald this question: "Did you shoot the president?" Oswald answered: "I didn't shoot anybody, no sir." When I processed a recording of Oswald's words with the PSE, it showed almost no stress.

Q: What if the PSE was inaccurate and Oswald lied? Isn't there enough circumstantial evidence to convict him?

A: Any jury that was not already prejudiced by press coverage or the millions of copies of the "Warren Report" would come in with a not guilty verdict based on reasonable doubt.

Q: Reasonable doubts about what?

A: For example: 1) Ninety seconds after the shooting Oswald was seen in the second-floor cafeteria of the Book Depository and his demeanor was not that of a man fleeing with a gun was demonstrated incapable of being used in the assassination; and 2) the single bullet theory would not stand up in court.

Q: Most assassination experts I've talked to feel Oswald didn't kill JFK but was part of a conspiracy to do so. The likelihood of that is great to acquit him of any conspiracy, but you saying Oswald was framed.

A: It is my personal opinion that Oswald was framed. He was a patsy chosen by the government to take the blame for the assassination. The government was in a prominent position to frame Oswald. He was framed in order to keep the country on opposite political directions.