

Dear Clay,

7/12/98

Whoring chapters 16-21 and your two letters, of 7/2 and 7/6, came yesterday but I then had no time to respond or to start reading. Nor will I today. In part perhaps this explains what you refer to, that my letters were shorter. Yesterday the usual interruptions were added to by a nurse's aide who ^{and medicate} came to wash me at the worst of possible time where Lil has been doing it because I can't get out of a tub or dare stand in a shower and to apply the medication we are to apply before I retire so it will deter the itching while I sleep. As it did not last night because it was applied seven hours too soon. We have carried insurance for this contingency for years and the insurance company has been unresponsive, so we invoked Medicare. I expect the local hospital to be in touch with the state insurance commissioner on this tomorrow, else to \$20,000 spent to avoid what we now face, needing help. There were, before this, three nurses' calls to inquire and to determine need. The recommendation was from our family doctor and they got on it promptly. But it is among the things that have taken time. More of this no need to go into. Also other medical time-takers that were essential. Even confusion at the vascular lab on kidney tests finally made Thursday and that and getting it straightened out took time. Plus some visits by Lil plus for the past couple of months physical therapy for both of us. Which has to be suspended as long as Medicare proves this home service because it will not accept both home service and p.t. away from home.

Aside from reading and correcting the previously retyped Whoring chapters, with all of this I have done a little more than a hundred pages on that Twyman atrocity which is more a Bloody Mess than Bloody Treason.

And I'm more feeble and more concerned about Lil's deterioration. I fear she'll fall. Aside from the danger of breaking bones in that, even if she does not I can't get her up. Last time I fell three or so years ago I could not get myself up!

The nature of our lives changes and we change with that. Of what I have learned recently about these changes the nephrologist believes I'll be an, odd, I have trouble remembering the word, artificial kidney machines, before the end of the year. I've already consulted the hospital nutritionist on this and have visited the center where this service is performed locally.

All these things and more like them have taken time and are on my mind.

I do appreciate the kind things you have said and did take what you added to the card as what you meant and showed it to Lil, who also appreciated it.

On Whitewash, if you are afraid it will be stolen, why not xerox it? You can get four pages of the pocketbook size on a single sheet if you make a master

with two pages on each side of a sheet. That is the only way I can now provide Oswald in New Orleans and have not had a single complaint.

I'm sorry I appear not to have been clear enough on the highlighting and other suggestions. They are best on the rough draft, which I have side by side as I read the retyping. There can be a use for the retyped copy if it is not the corrected one as well as if it is the last one. Also, if anyone in the future wants to check the retyping against the ^{draft}retyping it should be one copy of the rough draft, not two, not the one I send you and the copy I make and keep here,

on which there are no such marks but when the original is not returned is all I can use for checking. This is why I have asked for both, the r.d. and the clean copy. I have kept both so in the future there can be checking. Each copy of the retyping, too, for the same reason. *See on p. 3*

^{Under}stand on the temporary page numbers.

Wrone and Neichter have been busy. Wrone has had several trips to make and his son got married and Neichter was away and has cases in court. He'll be here in two weeks. He is quite pleased with what you are doing (he is one of my executors) and he'll send you what he can that you want when he has time. If he doesn't, just remind him and in time he will. Fine person!

If I'd known in advance that you were going to Dallas I'd have introduced you to a friend who is the archivist at The Sixth Floor.

On the not shooting while the motorcade was on Houston, Hoover volunteered to the WC that was because trees were in the way. ^(In WWT) That is the one ~~best~~ place with no trees. So, I ridicules him on that on a Washington radio station. The FBI went to work assuring him that he was, as always, right no matter how wrong he he was. Because there were trees after the motorcade turned off of Houston Street they told him he was right when he was wrong. All the top brass initialed it, too!

For your wife who is impressed with the Lifton impossibility, she should read the Sibert-O'Neill report that in as large a book as his he found no space for. It is in facsimile in PM. In the paragraph that refers to surgery of the head, which was a question, not an observation, with all who had been in Arkland there, Burkley with them and others in the balcony. In the paragraph where that is referred to is the proof that the President was also in the casket from Dallas, not a replacement or shipping casket, and not in any body bag.

Beside which, from about 4 that afternoon on the gate, which Lifton omits from his chart, of the back door was locked and the santry removed so no admiral could pull rank and demand that it be opened for him, so there was no possibility of sneaking the body in that way. Besides which all the choppers are accounted for and there was ^{none} not to spirit the corpse away. And had this not

been true, there was not enough time to toy with the bkdy and get it to Bethesda by the time it was there. And if it had been toyed with, what remained was adequate disproof of the report.

It was Lifton's way of getting rich and famous. He made it all up and hornswoggled all those enlisted men into believing it was true and making up their support for it.

We are going to have double company today! Lil goofed when dear friends who used to live in Frederick phoned to see if it is OK for them to come today because she forgot that another friend, an NBC News cameraman, had earlier asked. When he phoned from a relative not far away yesterday, I goofed in forgetting that the other friends are coming! And I did not know how to phone him and would not phone the old friends, who have arranged to do to be able to come.

It is getting close to my time for my early morning walking. After the Sunday paper when I return I'll spend a little time on your "postulates" and hope you'll forget them for a while and have a better basis for them. I suspect you have been influenced by the literary whoring of the LaFontaines from some of the total irrelevancies you include. Not a word of truth in their ripoff of the mind along with ripping the pocket off. They are the cheapest of seekers of the cheapest of sensations they can sensationalize further. For \$\$\$.

If I do not add more it is because I've used that time before the company comes to start the next Twyman chapter while it is still in mind because in the morning I'll get on the chapters you just sent. With interruptions for blood testing for me and some examination of Lil at the hospital vascular lab.

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When you send me the rough draft on which you made notes I'll have to go over the whole thing again and merely turning pages and finding where it is retyped will take much time.

If I'm going to make the ^{continuity} connection in what I'm writing about Twyman I'll have to do that now and not go into your postulates. A few generalities: No proof of any of those alleged ^{Some umbrella} Oswald connections. A suggestion for your thinking: the assassination of any president is a de facto coup d'etat and will change national policy. Sp, killing Kennedy was to change policy. And it surely did! Now many may want to change policy but few, very few, were in a position to do what the official evidence proves was done, not what is officially said about that official evidence. Like spiriting that rifle into that building unseen and not stopped if after hours. And getting that "bag" where it was not seen or photographed in the place it allegedly was. Got to get to work. Thanks and best,

Hardy