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Dear Harold (cc Dick):

Your mailing of 7/9 PM arrived this AM. Also in my mail were some other things of value.

A copy of Kleindienst's letter to you was enclosed but none of yours in reply to him. The absence of this leaves me somewhat in the dark. But congradulations on getting the pictures from DJ, as they continue to blink, as you might say.

The pictures sound valuable, and I really would like to have copies. If you didn't plan to have negatives made, then I'm sure at least me and Dick will chip in to have negs and prints. Tell me how much this runs you--for 8 x 10 prints--and I'll send a check. But, again, do this at your own convenience, no immediate need on my part.

While I don't know what you wrote in response to Kleindienst, it seems that the two of you might be getting drudged down in semantics with the spectro. He cites the quote that the frags were similar in composition to show that they were not just lead. First of all, if he wishes to use that quote in that regard, then either there is a contradiction in the testimony or the results were testified to incompletely. I personally think the best approach to take is that the detailed nature of the spectro anal does not warrant the designation "similar" when it has the potential for itentical or nonidentical.

On the shirt slit pix, I should be getting my copies back from processing in a week. I copied entire DJ print, made close-ups of each slit, and copied each side view of 399. Let me see how mine turn out before I order copies.

You enclosed a copy of I.F. Stone's paper. There appears at a glance to be nothing re assass, so I don't know specifically why you enclosed it or if it was an error. Either way, thanks--it has interesting things. If you want it returned or mailed elsewhere, just say so.

Without the time to search for other words, I grossly exaggerate in telling you that Skolnick answered my letter. He sent me copies of same newsstories as before (one new one about subpoena for unused LBJ-CBS footage instead of LBJ himself), plus a copy of his motion filed in court not to have Judge Will hear the case. This one page motion says that "plaintiff's Motion for Default is pending." I should be able to get copies early next week, and will send along when I get them. He made no response to my requests for expanations and nothing of the press release.

If you recall, I sent you the draft of my letter to Rhoads about the changes in ballistics stuff from my slide. Got a good (and bad) answer today from Angle. Will send copy when I can get one. Among the good stuff is the admission that CE 840 (fragments from under jump seat) is missing one fragment, the statement that none of the ballistics stuff has been damaged in A except for frag from 399 base, which, according to Angel "was apparently so insecurely attached to the bullet that it could have become dislodged at any time." Also, A says it knows of no 399 base picture prior to loss of fragment.

Best,

Howard