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Dear Harold and Dick,

Today I received a large package from CBS in response to a request I made for the transcripts of the Parkland docs' news conferences on the weekend of the assassination. CBS has them but did not send them. Instead they sent a large transcript of something quite interesting. It is the transcript of a 2 hour special show called "CBS NEWS EXTRA: November 22 and the Warren Report" broadcast on 9/27/64, right as the WC findings were released to the public. It is composed of segments of CBS interviews with various people related to assass, and which were filmed a month boefore the WR came out. Thes include The two Oswald women, Ruth Paine, Frazier, Brennan, Norman, Jarman, Curry, Marion Baker, Truly, Markham, Calloway, Whaley, and many others. (like Moorman and Hill)

Some things are really great. There is one quote from Brennan which devastates his story like nothing else has. The transoript quotes him as saying, "The President's head just exploded." This from the man who said he saw LHO fire the last shot? Indeed, Brennan is an incredible person, capable of motion faster than a speeding bullet, for in order for this to be true, he had to see "Oswald" pull the trigger and turn his head fast enough to see the bullet explode the head!

There are also quotes from Baker which indicate that he is satisfied with WC time reconstruction and that it is accurate, not what the WC got him to say, that it probably took longer.

Of course, you have to bear with Cronkite's sycophantous narrative, praising the work of the WC before the report was released. And Rather and Barker asking those ignorant questions.

Both of you can get a free copy by writing to :

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I don't recall seeing this in Harold's CBS file so he may want to order it.

In the meantime, no word on the press conferences. I'll write again for those.

Best,

Harold