8/21/69

Dear Gary,

Yesterday I went to Boston to meet with the lecture-bureau people. They will offer me. The questions are interest in the subject among those who contract, how much Mark has creamed it (they also offer him) and price. There is now little interest in Mark. I gave Lil their current brochure on my return, She says Mark claims to have written the first book on the subject in it! They get 30% and I pay my own expenses, which means there is ltle left from $500 fees in most places. Other places there will be no net. I have to pay the cost of getting up the brochure.

While there I met twice with friends, Bob Cutler, of whom I suppose you know -he just published a booklet on the single-bullet theory. Arthur Chitouras is a commercial artist. He had another artist friend with him, they have a drakroom and photo facitilites available to them, and I've asked them to do a few things for me.

I know of Noyes through Bud. While the sentence you quote can be confusing, I thing it means (I also believe) the LAPD Intel Unit known enough about Braden, his comings and goings, to eliminate him as having had any connection with anything. To me, his own, established actions proved that to begin with. This is another contrivance of the paranoids. Imagine going to a strange phone to say we just did it, boss. What do we do not? I have never done any owrk on him.

Your letter makes we wonder if you have read either PM or PM III. You say you read "that portion which was set up last summer and already typed". I didn't do PM LII until we anticipated the Halleck trial. I'll send it, hoping you can return it as soon as possible. I'll include a copy of PM, on the chance you haven't read all of it. Please wrap both well and return insured, when you can. Until after that, no point discussing neck wounds.

I never asked the radiologist who is my source on the floating character of the scapula but I assumed that when it floated forward when the body was prone it also rolled over some, leading to a steeper angle. This is why they could not probe, the motion forward of the scapule. I do not thing it can go streight up. In a shopital, you should be able to learn this

I've commented on ITEK. My disposition against prepublication publicity is unchnged but can change, for example if the audience is one that might help. It takes the edge of the book. This is one that could lead to actions, another reason for holding back. Lil has just started the retyping . I've corrected about 100 pp. Candid Press Jal sent long ago. I asked him also for source. No response. I've had it some time...Bus has agreed to perceed on what SS is but part of. You've gotten copies of contradictory letters Archives...I treat lightly shots from bushes, heavily cops and firemen. Matt had good notes here . He has yet to send me rest of them and it is two months since I asked for the last time....Speech translated, not profeesionally but adequately. It has other values, but adds nothing to our knowledge case. Thought I'd sent you carbon letter on it...Bud copied everything in Jim's files he thought worth it. This does not mean he read every single file. but most of those who went there did no work, so they had a chance to make a pretty good check. Harris and Turner, without doubt, have much...Agree on Mary....If Paul did not make copy Finck's excerpts for you, he returned to me and I'll send back...Read more Frazier's N.O. test travelling. Confirms papers only so far, but valuable in kind of speech I made in Mpls, on integrity gobt, society, for t ere is more of it then papers used. I do want to get all of that testimony. Hurriedly,

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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your recent letters and the enclosures.

Do you know of Peter Noyes mentioned in Rothermel's letter. (CBS man)The sentence: "...he talked with Intelligence in Los Angeles, and found them to be so knowledgeable about Braden that he doesn't think Braden is connected in any way." I find quite confusing.

In your letter of 8/12: I haven't read PM III. All I have read is that portion which was set up last summer and already typed. Various times you have mentioned lending me a copy of PM III, but I haven't yet seen it. Your comments on the front neck entrance were very enlightening, simple though they may appear to the average person. You have gotten me out of that bag, and have my encouragement to do so again. It is so obvious that I shudder to think that it never crossed my mind, except perhaps in passing, and it never took on much significance although it should have. I disagree, however, that fragments mean bones were hit. First of all, a fragmenting bullet (dum dum for instance) or an imperfect bullet of the type allegedly used according to the WR could lose pieces without hitting a bone. Secondly, and more important, I again make the distinction between bone and cartilage, since the trachea is cartilage. They could legitimately testify to no bone hit (setting aside, for the question of perjury, professional ethics) if only cartilage was hit.
ON the back hit, you showed that movement before 312 in the archives, but I would not want to draw any conclusions until I saw a study of the film done scientifically. On the back hit I am still haunted by the alleged angle of entry in the Sibert-O'Neill report of 45-60 degrees downward. Not that I take that as correct, but only that such an angle could have been an early hit from the SW corner of the roof. I have always been intrigued by the suggestion that a rifle was found up there. As for a double head hit, I am still very impressed by the damage to the brain and skull as evidence of such. As for Itek's address, Don Olson just wrote me that he is sending you their report, so you by now should have the address. The Nix film analysi is definitely unavailable. I got a xerox by trading them for a copy of Fred's article in PROBE, hoping to elicit some comments on it at the same time.

It sounds like you have the makings of something big on the ########### three Manchesters. That is good. It is characters like that who I can really develop a strong disgust for without trying. When you get it set up, you might consider pre-publication publicity promising the full story in the book, and send each of us a tape of what you want to say so that each of us can give it to the media. I could get it on WLOL and perhaps onto several of the others. The papers will be a problem since Cowles (i.e. LOOK) controls the Star and Tribune, but if I give to St. Paul also they might have to use it. Keep this in mind since it might, if done simultaneously all over, help sell the book and get it to more people.

The Candid Press photo sounds amazing. What is the source? (In your letter to the guy from Hobb's)
You had sent me that letter from Bill, or one which said essentially the same things, and I used it in my replies to Fred and Dave. The SS stuff is fascinating and is the beginning of what may turn out to be a record which will constitute an important discovery

Dick's clippings on Dempsy are interesting, and perhaps he will be able to pursue this to some more interesting information. On the King thing, as I mentioned in my letters or memo on the subject, I think that it is important to indicate that shots could have come from the bushes on the ground (shot I mean) and that there is eyewitness support for this, Solomon Jones, Cornflake Carter, and allegedly, the cops and firemen. In addition, there is Solomon Jones' claim that he saw a man run away from there.

What happened to thespeech you wanted me to get translated from the Spanish? I never got it although in one letter to Paul you mentioned that I was getting it translated. If this was Castro's 11/23/63 speech (I have your memo of 8/7/69 on it) then perhaps my girl, who is very good, could go over what Bud had done and make any corrections necessary.

On microfilm printouts, some of the mirrofilm I have is negative, not positive. Right now, Paul has most of my microfilm. In fact, I assume that this is what Lifton was getting printed out.

Your letter of 8/11/69: Has Bud been through all of Jim's files? Did he just copy 1/3 because that was all there was that he thought was good? Does he have more than 1/3? How good is his judgment on what is good? If we have most of it through him, then I will not bother, but I would hate to chance missing something which could be important, and the importance of which was either overlooked or forgotten in N.O. I think that Lifton mentioned having the autopsy memo of transfer, but I'm not sure. Don't quote me on it, since I may be mixing it up with the Z film. No word on the tapes(from George) although I have heard from him. He says that it is goggg slowly. On Jim's files, I was thinking largely in terms of the xerox facilities which are free and readily available, and fast. Still, I am having second thoughts. Right now I am upset by not having any time to go through my files and dig up all those unchecked leads so that I can follow them up. Theoretically, I could give my self limitless investigative work, but I just don't have time to do the proper setting up. I would like to travel and be useful and am not sold on NO., although I would very much like to see Dallas since I have never done do before. Your new ideas for Dallas are excellent ones. Ex-policemen could be a big and important target.

I will answer the letter to Chris in a few days.

Best wishes.

Gary

cc:Dick Bernabei

-----end off carbon to Dick---

PS: Fred's letter of Aug.5--"Mary may fly out for a weekend soon. Another treat for us, as she also promised to bring tapes and research along. Want to sit down with her very much since she seems to be a "bundle of information" on the case.". Fred's letter of Aug.10: "Mary is coming out to see us next Sunday and we are excited about this. She's going to bring a lot of her research with her, including police tapes of November 22nd (two hours--two channels).

I write this stuff to you, and not to Dick, because I think that you should be aware of it in regard to Mary as a possible leak. The way things are, you can bet your bottom dollar that good old Dave will do his best to project a good image and do his best to milk her for info and also get her working on projects for him. I shudder to think of his meeting her in the company of her new friends, Fred and Marlynn, and her old friend, Jaffe. Her flying out there for a weekend is a certain measure of her opinions of them--not that she should have any other, but just in relation as to how it affects our work.

I got Square today. Thanks, but it wasn't necessary, as I have already said, since I ordered one for myself..

I got the archives in another piece of chicanery. Jackie Dolan wrote for references to Larry Crafard, and so did I. They gave her the run-around but douldn't do that with me.

PSS: Vince finally checked and found that he did not save those clippings about Spector--the reasonably recent charges made by Scolnikk. Vince said that it was just typical DA type attack.