Dear Gerry, 4/14/92

When we spoke about Dr. Crenshaw's book this morning, your students having called it to your attention, I said I had trouble believing it and trouble not believing it.

After we spoke I thought about that. I had not thought about it earlier. In part I suppose I did not believe that a doctor in Crenshaw's position would lie and in part it did seem like LBJ.

I did not read Crenshaw's book word-for-word after I got well into it. You have not read it. Don't take the time.

Crenshaw's account is that they had not yet given up on Oswald when he was called from the operating table to the phone. Maybe that was the instant they decided that Oswald was dead. It does seem odd that he allegedly took the call immediately.

He says that as soon as Oswald was in the emergency room there appeared one of those he refers to throughout as "men in suits." He uses this as a reference to the Secret Service. They always in his account wear visible guns. That alone I do not believe.

In thinking about this I became confident that the call was impossible within the time permitted. Maybe 15 minutes, or less. In that time the word had to get to someone who got to LBJ. There were no Secret Service men at the scene of Oswald's shooting. So - and if I am not mistaken, there were no FBI SAs there, either - someone had to inform the agency that informed, allegedly, LBJ. No street agent would have considered doing that directly. Neither would the SAC of either agency. Then there is the possibility, if not the probability, that someone in Washington, perhaps in the White House, saw it on TV. But on a Sunday morning, how probable is that? But assume he was told by someone in Washington. Then he had to decide what if anything he would do. Assume he decided immediately. He then had to get through to someone high enough in the Secret Service, at church time, and that person had to get in touch with the Dallas SAC and he had to get an agent and send him to Parkland. and he had to be there and work his way into the emergency room, all of this within 15 minutes.

It just isn't possible. Crenshaw lied. And for the man who put <u>his</u> name on all of <u>Gary Shaw</u>'s crap that is not impossible.

I think you can use this for a worthwhile experience for those of your students who are interested, those who spoke to you about the book. All of every president's calls are logged. Those records are at the LBJ library. They can ask the LBJ library to please send them the logs for that morning under FOIA, which is probably not necessary, or, as I think of this, with the attention Crenshaw got on TV, the library may have already checked or have been asked to check. Thus I think they should be able to get a response by phone.

If they get the informatoon that there is no such call logged, then they have learned some thing and they may even want to make a public announcment of it. Which would certainly be an experience for them! Learning and emotional!

Best, Harold