Dear Howard, 2/15/78

In your 2/12 you say you fail to see anything new in the pages I sent you of the Gemberling report in the recent releases that relates to the missed shot and the crubing.

What is new is the FBI explicitness and recognition:

There had too been a visible mark.

As of just before Shaneyfelt removed it there was no visible mark.

Yet without doubt Shaneyfelt got the correct place and took the right curbing.

The recognition of a visible mark is at complete variance with Shaneyfelt's emphasis that there was none. G. stated that there was none. Yet also that there had been.

This means that the FBI knew the curb had been patched.

This record eliminates any possibility that the FBI was not aware.

Now add to this that the one spectro plate that is missing is that of this spectrographic analysis, by Jarrell-Ash.

They tried to say when they had to admit this during 75-226 that it was probably discarded to save space.

With all the carefully preserved garbage? Besides, the lab space is not taken up by these things, even by an accumulation of thin plates. They have or then had what they call the "Bulky Ramp," where the kept the bulky or I take it not file-cabinet size stuff.

This is what I stated in C.A.75-226 and proved in my own way, only to have Pratt ignore it. Now I have FBI records, not provided on discovery, that state exactly what I had stated.

This is quite different, the FBI's records saying it and the FBI then withholding that, than my saying it.

This also provide motive for non-compliance. Compliance disproves all they said officially.

Hastily,

2/12/78

Dear Harold (cc. JL)

Re your 2/6/78 to JL with attached FBI release pages re missed shot/mark on ~~xxx~~ curb, I fail to see what the "blockbuster" is or, in fact, what is new about any of this. Those pages are simply the raw reports that went into Shaneyfelt Ex. 26, the FBI letterhead report. Often, the paragraphs of the letterhead are taken verbatim from the raw reports. The Synopsis adds nothing new, since the reports themselves and the letterhead make quite clear that the mark could not be found.

I just fail to see what you were getting at in your letter to JL. I'd be reluctant to make anything of these new pages, especially in the spectro appeal.

Harold

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