

Dear Matt,

10/7/91

Had reason to remember your pleasant visit often for a while- daily. Until I finished the bottle of that wonderful single-malt Scotch and the one I had that I'd forgotten. Oddly, only single-malt Scotches are consumed in a lengthy murder mystery I've just finished, Forsyth's "Assassini." It was kind and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I've not heard from Lesar. He is too busy. Glad he and the others were of help. He is also the best on FOIA.

I discovered the reason for that dangerous driving was correctable and it was corrected by laser a week ago today. What had formed behind the lens created more of a glare problem than the cataract ever had.

I do not have Rita Musgrove in my rotodex. I suppose that when she moved to Texas I heard from her only by phone. Sorry I did not suggest that the best sources on addresses there ^{are} Gary Mack and Mary Ferrell.

You now have your own evaluation of Larry Howard when with all the nuts involved he is the only one who still credits Ricky White, whose story is a total and an impossible fabrication save for the plagiarisms of which I told you. I understand Howard boasts he hasn't read a single book on the assassination. This means his own nuttiness is his own-entirely. As a generality, this is widely applicable, as you'll learn with pain if you do not learn it now.

While it may be true that where there is smoke there is fire, it is also true that one should be certain it is smoke, and not steam.

You are a lucky man to have your daughter and she so willing to be so helpful to you.

Our best,

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Dear Harold,

I am just recovering from my hectic trip to the United States. Though very worthwhile, I could have done with another couple of weeks out there.

I must say a big thank you to you and to Lil for warm hospitality and for so much of your time and wisdom. I think you prepared me for going to Dallas with a most critical (in the best sense) attitude, and I'm sure I profited from this. Thank you also for your introduction to Jim Lesar and for pointing me in the direction of Madeleine Brown, an interesting lady.

I spoke to Gary Shaw on the telephone since I could not reach him at Cleburne in the time I had, and I found Wayne January, who worked at Red Bird Airfield in 1963, though he told me little more than was already known. I spoke also to

Louis Gaudin, who was air traffic controller, though he had nothing to add to his statement at the time. I did not manage to find an address or telephone number for Rita Musgrove, and this disappointed me. Do you have these details anywhere? I would appreciate it if you could send them on.

I met Larry Howard, who runs the Assassination Information Center at the West End Market Place with Gary Shaw. Although I had only a very brief meeting with him, I discover he gives full credence to the Roscoe White scenario, the first person on my trip who does. Everyone else has either serious reservations or has dismissed it. Larry tells me he has now got strong corroboration for Roscoe's diary, and I have offered to take it on in Britain - provided he can convince me. I have heard nothing as yet.

We must now keep in touch. Please give Lil my love. And once again my thanks to you both.

Yours sincerely,

Matt
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