

10/30/78

Dear Kevin,

Thanks for the 10/27.

Aside from what I've mentioned in connection with possible court uses the only other information of special interest prior to publication of the hearings might be the transcripts relating to the Ray family, especially John and Carol Kepper.

I'd also written Jeff about getting copies of the Baden JFK glossys or slides made of a couple, for use in a speech. Of the rear with the ruler and of the front neck wound in particular and if it exists, what I saw on TV, of the fragments in the head ^A-ray.

I've been reading the narrations when I've time. What was not headed in a way to indicate it is the Nosenko affidavit was included, so I don't need that. It was part of the press package. (I take it that by now you have the two transcripts and see the possible relevance of any Nosenko information.) The narrations are useful in ways other than Blakey intended. Those who prepared the JFK stuff for him built in preconceptions and what amounts to factual error - whether or not intending to deceive or mislead.

The committee's ^{whole} ~~was~~ Ray line, which AIB has gone for, is absolutely irrational. It is impossible. This is the old AIB, off on a gig and convincing itself of its seriousness. It plays the committee's game and is disinformational, especially among those called "critics" and "researchers."

I've not heard from Paul, I suppose because he has not yet prepared his notes. The conversation with Guinn would have been useful, despite Lifton, but unfortunately it is not comprehensible.

I offered Jeff a mike so he could point but he appears not to have wanted it. If he borrows your Sony I have an old Sony mike, too, I think. I say this because Sony used to build minor differences in to prevent the use of other mikes even though the ~~JFK~~ jacks and plugs appear to be identical. I knew I had a Norelco, which is what I told him about.

^{Jim} ~~was~~ said that we should expect the Bud decision to be used as it was with Mark. I'm after the same material a different way but not yet in court. Depends on the judge Mark has whether that defense is tenuous. If they did not send ^{Mark} a copy of the decision ^{Mark} had better read the entire thing. Tell Mark if you see him out of costume or as Superman II.

I wrote Blakey asking for a couple of things for use in court. He says they are too busy to run their xeroxes, etc.

Thanks and best wishes,

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Dear Harold, Thanks for your message of the sixteenth and please forgive the delay in getting back to you. I've been putting in long hours at the job and doing memos for committee staffers who need ammunition. At best I hope to get some late undeveloped leads into the record for later use in keeping the pot boiling. It's also useful for my own records besides which these folks do feel obliged to reciprocate. Expect more transcripts within a week or so.

The committee has now a policy of providing visitors with large bound transcripts for review at their offices. If there is anything you need out of them I can arrange time out from work to copy portions verbatim. These things are accessible from nine to five.

I had offered my Sony T C 142 to Jeff but there was a lot else on his mind. I'm also appreciative for his efforts. I assume you are making reference to Guinn's conversation after testifying. I was not present but Paul was and he made extensive notes (also with Barger, I split when some of the A.I.B. folks turned a productive conversation between him and Paul into a pissing contest among themselves). Paul met later with Barger and/or an aide.

I'll look into the possible existence of something distributed on Nosenko.

Although my planned outline of the hearings has been put off it will go out soon.

I spoke with Mark by phone last night. He's buried in school work and got a response from C.I.A. on his F.O.I. suit denying access on the basis of a Sirica ruling in Bud's case. Very tenuous defense. I'm trying to get Mark to visit for a party next Friday.

Let's keep in touch.

With warm regards,

Kevin