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Dear Jerry,

Congrats on the Newsweek story! I'll send the copy you sent me so ~~now~~ where it will do you some good.

Whether or not you believe your Harper's editor, and I am not suggesting she is anything less than the epitomization and personification of honor, I was earlier told by an editor for a major publication who had read the Manchester book that it said but two bullets were fired. Whether he is in error or Harper's or Manchester changed the copy, and regardless of whether it says two or three bullets were fired, unless it says more than three bullets were fired it is the unofficial whitewash as I have from the first predicted it would be, whether or not by deliberate intent or direct or subtle persuasion.

There is much good and solid evidence in the Commission's record, Not as much and not as good as it could be, but there is no question that on the basis of evidence I do not believe Manchester can ignore or eliminate more than three shots had to have been fired.

My Xeroxed copies have not yet arrived.

There is always a great hazard in sending anything into that organized chaos over which you preside (on a very comfortable chair) and expect its return. Nonetheless, I do want you to return this letter to UCLA as soon as you have finished with it. You may use it if you so desire. The money is still coming in so slowly that I am using carbon paper no longer suitable for my wife's use. This means I could make fewer copies and they are less clear. I have sent one to some people in LA in the hope they can make some use of it, possibly arrange for TV use. Also a copy to Harrison Salisbury.

Do keep me posted on Manchester. I'd love a reading copy as soon as one is available. I will READ it. But my greatest and most immediate interest has to do with the Kennedy attitude. I still believe they will in some manner (and I could make ~~any~~ suggestions were I to be asked) they will disassociate themselves before publication.

I have just come into possession of some quite innocent and clear pictures that very much solidify my case.

- I encouraged Marc Stone to introduce Penn Jones, Jr., to you today when they are in New York on the Amparts promotion. I also spoke to the very decent Jones about you. They have him booked pretty solid and may not be able to get him to a radio show I much encouraged.

Sincerely,

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Harold:

On Friday I again spoke with
the Harper's editor, who now says
that the Manches^{ter} conforms exactly
with the Warren Report,
that three shots were fired. (Her story
changed in 24 hours, she said, because she
was confused as to what the Manchester did
say. I believe her.)

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