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Dear Emory,

You say, "If I were to speculate, I would tend to think them ~~xxxx~~ a serial number for an agent or dossier or something along that line." Good speculation. I believe it is the serial number of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Does that help you carry it forward any?

C He had a simple code system in his notebook, involving the kind of minor error readily corrected at the scene. For example, in his notebook, "David Crawford" turned out to be David Chandler. There was the address 117 Camp St., which is that of a clothing store where he was unknown (and he had little use for the tuxedos they rented). However, at 117 was Ronnie Caffee, where he applied for a job, the publicist who worked with Araccha Smith.

O The Commission had an investigation conducted of Oswald as Agent S-179. Right number, wrong use. That was the account number from which he was paid.

P While I cannot immediately suggest any special significance in 16H64, reference to Robert Odum and Dallas Texas State, with those phone numbers, I have recently become interested in some of the ultras at Texas State, Denton, near Dallas. They had unfriendly intentions toward JFK and had participated in the attack on Stevenson.

Y Odum is not an uncommon name in that area. It is in the north.

On Fisher, who evaded you, it is not possible to work backward with the non-fatal-shot angle because everything said is wrong. When you see my books on the autopsy (and I do not know when they may be printed) you will understand better. The third is on that panel report. He now knows he is in trouble. There is a chance he may not answer you. Why not write him again (copy to me) along these lines: Tell him that since getting his letter of 2/20 you have re-examined the pictures of the President just before and at the time of the shooting and they do not show the jacket raised as he speculates, that you have experimented yourself and find that with your untailored clothes (the President's were tailored to him), the jacket rises but slightly and the shirt virtually not at all, being inhibited by the fact that it is close-fitting and anchored at the waist by the belt. Ask him if there is not a possible anatomical or skeletal explanation (there is, the scapula being the most flexible bone in the body - it is about two inches higher when the body is prone - and herein lies the answer, as he undoubtedly knows). Ask him also how a bullet can pass through the neck area without striking bone (this one, believe me, did not), given the human anatomy, without a broad angle laterally (Dr. John Nichols computes a minimum angle of 38 degrees). If this is the case (and be certain to include this, how could that bullet then have struck Connolly, sitting in front of the President, to the right of its alleged exit point in the President's body. You see, so broad an angle eliminates any possibility of the single-bullet theory, on this basis alone ending the Report. I will be interested in his answer and failure to answer. The letters you send me are very interesting. I'd like to use his in the appendix to that book if and when it can be printed. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

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Ref: ATTACHMENTS
2-16-69

Dear Harold:

Your friend was right when he said you can't go far with just two numbers. I don't think that they had anything to do with the encoding or decoding of messages because one would never use the same set of digits for more than one message. If I were to speculate, I would tend to think them a serial number for an agent or dossier or something along that line. Also, I do not know what the significance of two letters preceding the digits could be. The individual mentioned in the second paragraph of the Fensterwald letter might be able to help, if you want to take a chance.

I have noticed that the name ODUM seems to pop-up now and then in the report. First, there was the MORGAN letter of 15 January, then notebook affair. Also there were the two Dallas FBI agents named Odum and on page 64 of volume XVI I found this;

Dallas Texas State
Robert Odum
RI 7 2071
Rand Av at TOBCO
RI 8 7604

I am sorry that I can not offer more concerning the letters and digits but with such limited material you can't expect too much.

However, the enclosure from Dr. Fisher may be of some interest. It would seem to indicate, I think, that the bullet was not fired from the TSB~~D~~ but more likely from Dal-Tex, between the second and fourth floors. One thing I can't understand is how in the hell they figure the Presidents coat was "bunched-up" when the bullet struck. I used the FBI's measurements to locate the position on one of my own coats and no matter how I jerked and squirmed around, I couldn't get the back to hike up so that the hole would line up at the base of my neck. Willis's picture shows no folds in the Presidents coat. Also, the shirt being tucked into the trousers would not allow it to move up the back that much, but then, this is the age of miracles isn't it.

If you could locate any evidence which would tend to show that Oswald used a short-wave radio transceiver, then we might have something to go on concerning the five and four digit groups. Most messages like this would be sent by radio. Sorry about the negative report but if anything else should come up, I'll let you know. Good luck with the book and please excuse the typographical errors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".

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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of March 10. For the cryptologic^{graphic} investigation you have in mind, the best person that I can suggest is Douglas McLean, 1111 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209. I do not believe that he would accept any compensation, but he might be quite willing to do the research for you.

→ Alternatively, you might want to write Mr. Eugene Fitzgerald, 7102 Maple Avenue, Tacoma Park, Maryland. For whatever it is worth, he told me that he formerly worked for the CIA.

I will be interested to see how your project turns out.

Sincerely,

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