

Dear Mark,

2/3/81

Getting the 89-43-103 is not a big deal and I'll do it but I think it would be better, unless you need it sooner, to await your coming here and going over that file again. A copy is in it. I may have added more and there may be some records that now may appear to have importance you didn't see earlier.

Lifton's point about the brain lacerations is no point at all. There may be something of significance in the fact of them but they cannot have either the cause he conjectures or to have been as they were at the end if there was any surgery. The brain is much too soft. That is why they have to set it in formaldehyde for two weeks before sectioning it. Whatever there was has to have happened when JFK was killed. There is only one way anyone could have known to look there for fragments and that is after X-raying. He eliminates that in his book. No place for it in his time reconstruction. He, dishonest scum that he is, wants the reader to assume that the X-rays were not made until Humes started. They were made first, but if Lifton acknowledges that he acknowledges at the same time that there was no time for any hanky panky. He called me up last week to complain about my talking to a reporter who asked my permission before speaking to him. He appeared to be intent on making one of those tapes he uses dishonestly so I shouted at him when he wouldn't stop making all those self-serving statements and give me a chance to talk. When he finally did I asked him to explain the taking of the pre-cutting X-rays and pix and to explain how the body got in with the rear gate locked. As I've learned it was. His answer was that the autopsy didn't start until 10:30 because that's what Ebersole said, as I told him he'd be reduced to claiming, and he just laughed about the rear gate being locked. I have a friend who has no interest in the assassination but was there and could not get out through that gate, which he always used going home. He was assigned there. He also knew Finck.

The copy of the 7/18/78 Moss memo came today. If you are interested, why don't you appeal the withholdings and ask for the records referred to? But you also should go over all the papers that have been disclosed, those I have anyway. There are real questions about what was transferred at the time of transfer. It appears that rather than coming from Bobby or his office they were at the DJ building, which could also mean with the FBI. Note that this confirms me, that Evelyn Lincoln was there for the library, which means GSA. One reason the Kennedy Library doesn't have the Kennedy copy of the memo of transfer is that it has been at the Archives for years. They didn't even have it.

I'm also sent me a copy of your 11/17/80 to Marion Johnson. It says the opposite of what I'd understood. I'd understood that the FBI was withholding what was disclosed.

Don't worry about CIA confusion if you have two suits against them at one time. It has not confused the FBI and I've had more than two going at once with them.

I've gotten about 6,000 pp having to do with FBI record destruction over the years. Discovery in 75-226. Nothing of any consequence about the assassination in them.

Thanks for your good wishes about my health. I've walked to the end of the lane and back three times today with less trouble than before and I've been exercycling up to a simulated 30 miles a day and the equivalent of 15 mph. (It helps to have football games, news and other things on TV because the exercycling is boring as hell.)

I've not gotten any of the declassified field office records yet.

best,

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Dear Harold,

Sorry I missed you when you were in town recently. Hope your health is holding up. I'll try to remember only to use letter size paper.

Your 1/22/81 letter mentions that you have the referred 89-43-103, which I have as originally processed. Please send me a copy when you get a chance.

I haven't finished the Sifton book, but I am interested in his point about the brain lacerations. (By this time Jim should have sent you the GSA memo ~~to~~ ^{from} the JFK library) That's illustrated on pgs 252-4. What do you make of it?
(OVER)

I'm still planning on a visit, but I haven't got things worked out yet.

The CIA has to submit CD 347 for an in camera inspection next week. I'm expecting additional releases ~~on~~ when they do.

You may know that I've asked the CIA for all communication between it and the HSCA. They say to Congressional records. I plan to sue them very soon on this. That should confuse those clerks down at the U.S. Courthouse, with 2 "Allen v. CIA"'s on the docket.

Best wishes,
Maul