

9/9/69

Dear Dick,

I am entirely in accord with what you say of the anterior neck wound in your letter of 9/5. I am sorry if I forgot to send you copies of what I wrote Gary about this recently. The citations you give fortify my analysis in FM III, where I go into this. The fact is, I have even asked Johnson if I can get to see the tied, knowing I cannot, and as an alternative asked for a picture of the side view (I know of none existing).

The obvious lack in all this testimony is any question of any doctor or nurse, Carrico in particular, did you make any cuts in the course of removing the garments? I am satisfied those slits may be from a scalpel.

I had forgotten your citation of Dulles' question. It is very good. And so is your citation of Henschliffe. However, Specter is careful not to ask her where the wound is. He did not even ask her if she saw a wound in the neck. She volunteered that. Her initial testimony was quite brief, three pages only. Specter called her back for a fourth page.

Now, in his care to avoid what he knew he couldn't live with, Specter did a job on himself and for us. The testimony shows Henschliffe helped move the stretched into Trauma Room 1 - saw Kennedy before any doctor touched him. Her description and view, therefore, are prior to any treatment or the removal of any garments. When Specter asked, "Did you see any wound on any other part of his body?", meaning other than his head wound, her answer is "Yes; in the neck". Then the description, as Specter launched into his other chore, proving it was not an entrance wound (in which she was not helpful). But what this means and I had entirely forgotten, is exactly what I have written, that the wound was above the collar. Otherwise, the shirt would have obscured it from her vision.

In her second session, she also says there was no visible blood around the hole, which is perplexing to me.

However, this is exceedingly significant, and if I do not add it to either of the existing books, it will go into FM II.

Indeed, "happiness is a Dulles gaff". He did the same thing with Baker and, although no other comes immediately to mind, I am sure with others. Over-rated.

You wrote Itek, even more TIME, the kind of letter I write. I am not certain this is the most effective letter, but it does make you feel better.

If you find time and find more on this, I sure will want to use it in FM II. I've less than two dozen pages of the COUP add to read and correct, then I'll do the notes, etc., and soon, I hope, I'll be back on the FMs.

When you can find time, I would appreciate the Thunderbolt dealing with Jerry and the big thing they made of him as soon as possible. I'd like to be able to include direct quotation. Gary cannot, immediately, get hold of his and suggests I ask you. Also, if anything appeared in the Canadian papers on James Earl banning Jerry, I'd like to see that. I regard this as significant, and as fairly credible proof Jerry did not authorize that statement. I believe Stoner put him up to it, but please, this is very touchy, for reasons you apparently did not tumble to, so make no mention...Bud tells me the DJ has asked us to wait a few days before we file any suit, so we can get a letter they are sending. We accommodate.

The usual haste,

CC Gary