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Dear George,

Working my way down through a stack on my desk this morning I came to the enclosed copy of Harry Livingstone's story of two months ago, his interviews with Dallas doctors in the JFK case. Sorry I apparently forgot to send it.

A Dallas friend has since spoken to some of these doctors. The story appears to be accurate. It got no play elsewhere of which I know.

This past Sunday, for the first time, I heard from Livingstone. Maybe I heard from him long ago and forgot it. Anyway, he is on the lam, from what he said I believe somewhere in Maine. He thinks they - should be "they" - are out to get him. "They" include David Phillips. He says that HSCA testimony in Vol X, pp.46-52 shows that Phillips was Maurice Bishop. I told him I don't believe the Veciana story and I don't.

It happens that Jim Adams called me first about what Livingstone called me about, the story on the Oswald exhumation. The second development was a story out of Dallas, that the Commission had planned to do away with Oswald's body. I told Jim that I believe this is an interpretation of part of an executive session transcript, possibly one of the two I gave you when I got them last in a lawsuit, that of 1/21/64. (It may have been in the part of that transcript I got earlier.) Other interpretations are possible, if I recall correctly.

My recollection is unclear on what was bugging Livingstone Sunday. He actually phoned me three times about it. He says that Oswald is buried under a fake name and that if the body is now exhumed it will be the wrong body.

I recall something like this from the time of the first efforts to bury Oswald but I have no reason to believe that his body is not under his tombstone now. There was a real stink when he was first buried. Couldn't even get a preacher at first.

He says all of this is in a book I don't have, titled something like "The Man That Never Was." His recollection of the false name is something like William Bobo.

When he asked me what he should do or I could do I told him that Adams had called me and I could call Adams the next day so he could have his Dallas people check it if he wanted to and that I could call Golz. On the first call he thought this a good idea. On his next he thought it best to let "them" be trapped. I told him I did not agree. On his third he told me to call Jim and Earl. Even for a paranoid he was very excited. He fears for his life and claims attempts have been made. By "them."

When I phoned Jim I learned that Livingstone had already called before Jim got to the office and had left a number for a call-back. I know nothing since because after that I did not call Earl.

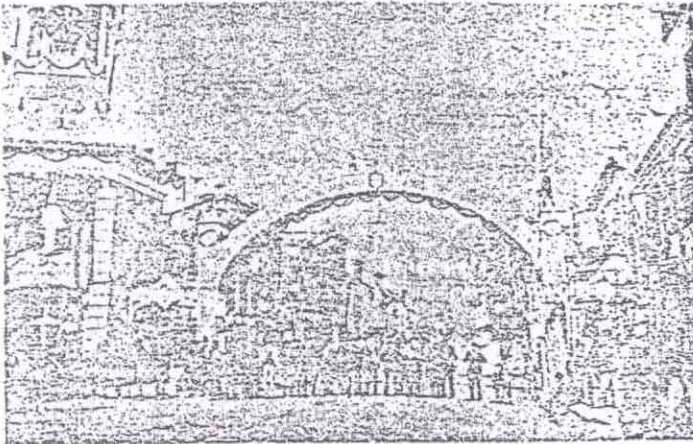
My own view is that the real Oswald was killed by Ruby and that Eddowes has improvised too much. The KGB angle is irrational, baseless. The parts about the ~~the~~ different descriptions of Oswald comes from some research done for me in 1967 that got around in Garrison's day and probably way. I did not draw from it the conclusion that a different man came back from the USSR. And I hope there is an exhumation to quiet some of the nut stuff. ...Also, I hear that the FBI developed a belated interest in the Bronson film, which appears to show multiple shapes in motion in the so-called Oswald window at the time of the assassination. I discovered this in Dallas files and Golz got to see and print frames of the film. Best, Harold Weisberg

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House Report of Kennedy Assassination Inadequate:

Parkland Doctors' Testimony Shows Autopsy Photos Forged

by Harrison E. Livingstone
Dallas, July 30, 1979

As this paper first reported in June (verified and carried by *The Baltimore Sun* on July 9), the autopsy photographs of the body of President John F. Kennedy are forgeries, altered with a visible matte insertion.

This reporter has since conducted a number of interviews with the doctors at Parkland Hospital in Dallas who treated the President in his final moments.

Without exception, the doctors—when shown the altered autopsy photo—declared it fake, and described wounds entirely different from those alleged by the Warren Commission.

The Parkland doctors repeated their previous testimony (made before journalists, the Warren Commission and the recent Assassination Committee) that the

back of Kennedy's head was blown away, leaving "a large, gaping wound," said Dr. Adolph H. Giesecke, Jr. Dr. Giesecke stated that the doctors at Parkland had raised the head from the table and shined a light through the hole. "Much of the back of the brain was missing," he said.

On viewing the faked autopsy photo of the back of President Kennedy's head, Dr. Jackie Hunt said, "I can do a lot of funny things in my darkroom, too." She described a large hole in the back of the head, with the occipital parietal bone blown away.

"Why do they cover it up?" Dr. Fouad Bashour repeated several times. Dr. Bashour, a cardiologist, worked to keep the President's heart beating. He repeatedly demonstrated with his hand that the back of the President's head was

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blown away.

This doctor looked at the drawing taken from the autopsy photo, shown on page 104 of Volume VII of the medical evidence, and said, "This is not the way it was." He pointed to a flap of skull on the side of the head in the picture and asked, "What's this?", adding, "No. Why do they cover it up?"

None of the doctors recognized the "entry wound" on the back of the head in the picture. Dr. Marion Jenkins repeatedly poked at the occipital protuberance and said, "This is where the wound was."

Dr. Robert Shaw said, "If the body hadn't been stolen away from us, and had Dr. Rose performed a proper autopsy, there would be no question these 15 years."

Dr. Charles Baxter said that, without question, the back of the President's head was blown away. "It was a large, gaping wound in the occipital area," he said, "a tangential wound."

Dr. Baxter also stated that the wound in the throat, which was never discovered by the autopsy doctors, was "no more than a pinpoint. It was made by a small caliber weapon. And it was an entry wound."

Dr. Donald Seldin did not want to talk to anyone. "I just can't remember, I just can't help you," he said. "It's been so long. What is it now? Fifteen years?"

Dr. Robert McClelland, a neurosurgeon, confirmed also that the right posterior portion of the skull had been blown away, and states that the drawing on page 140 of *Six Seconds In Dallas* by Josiah Thompson was an accurate representation of the rear head wound.

Dr. Paul C. Peters, who was not present at the time of the interview,

returned the two differing illustrations of the back of the President's head—the one offered as evidence in the Committee, and the other in Thompson's book—and stated, "I have marked an 'X' on the picture which more accurately depicts the wound, although neither is quite accurate in my opinion. There was a large hole in the back of the head through which one could see the brain." Dr. Peters' X was on the Thompson drawing.

Dr. Giesecke expressed disturbance that the President's body was so quickly removed from Texas and that a proper autopsy was not conducted by the military. (The many faults of this autopsy are outlined in Vol. VII of the Appendix to *The Report of the Assassination Committee*, page 193.)

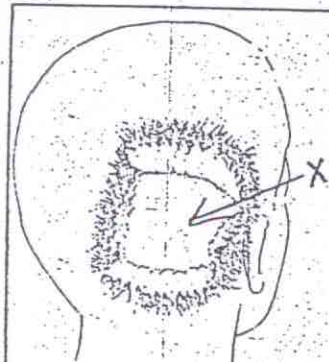
General Philip Wehle, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Military District, Washington, D.C., was present in the autopsy room at Bethesda Naval Hospital when Kennedy's body was examined, and "ordered us not to perform certain procedures," said Dr. Pierre Finke.

The wound through the back was therefore never probed to see if it connected to the throat wound. Had this been done, there would be proof as to whether the President was struck from behind in the back, or from in front in the throat, or if a single bullet passed through the President from behind and struck Governor Connally.

Additional gunshot wounds found at that time would have proved a conspiracy then. It is only now that the Assassination Committee is admitting to an extra gunshot from the grassy knoll, which therefore admits to an additional gunman, and a conspiracy.

Lt. William Pitzer, who was supposed to have taken the autopsy photos of the President, was—according to a story in *The Waukegan News-Sun* on May 1, 1975) murdered. He was shot with a .45 caliber pistol and found with the gun in his right hand, though he was left-handed. Pitzer's death was ruled a suicide. Pitzer has evidently become a non-person in the case; his name does not appear on the list of those present at the autopsy that was published by the Committee on page 8 of volume VII.

An examination of the two drawings that accompany this article will reveal the wide discrepancy between what the Committee accepted as evidence and what many reliable medical witnesses have attested to.



The "X" mark was placed by Dr. Paul C. Peters, an eyewitness at Parkland Hospital in Dallas at the time of the Kennedy assassination, to indicate the appearance of the back of the President's head. Dr. Peters did not select the photo used by the latest Assassination Committee, nor did any of his colleagues.

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Sporting Proposition

What's all this uproar over whether or not the Orioles will stay in Baltimore? (Or is it the Colts? Are we getting confused; perhaps it's not.)

We're beginning to wonder if the Orioles' players are indentured servants to Baltimore, or slaves to the public's imagination, considering all the outraged indignation about their fate.

Somewhere along the line, we are losing sight of reality. Sports teams are where they're told and do as they're told—not by a city that claims them as its own, but by the owners who bankroll their opera-

tions. The players do their work in Baltimore for fat paychecks and maybe, someday, a little restaurant in the suburbs of a city where they were once cheered on.

The money Big League sports don't bring to this city, probably is the real reason for all the breast-beating.

The much-publicized furor and scrambling for investors to buy up the Orioles and keep 'em here at Baltimore has probably been a frantic effort to save face, not to save the city. Here we are, a major American city, going gangbusters for a "Rebirth," and we're possibly going to lose our Big League teams. It's analogous to the husband who, with his career, was indifferent to his wife until another man came along to steal her away.

Suddenly lukewarm fans are flocking to the stadium and stay glued to their television sets—showing the owners of the