

10/30/69

Dear Paul,

Your letter of 10/27, with enclosures and promises, is quite interesting and no less valuable.

Agreed on your comment on Finck, but I also believe there is more in that transcript than casual examination suggests. I am now making my notes on it. There is enough in it to put him in jail, which will not happen. If Moo keeps his word, your hope will be fact, for he has promised me the transcripts.

Now that you and Amory are in touch, remember he is an amateur expert in cryptography, with good connections among professionals.

In addition to what I have already sent you on whether or not there were more notes than appear in CE397 (of which Amory's unretracted statement that some made at the bench were in his writing should be persuasive) he talked of two sheets of them, not including his phone memo. If the body chart is accepted as one, the second remains to be accounted for; I have Galloway's transmittal of his working papers, which is not the draft; and there is absolutely no doubt that ~~the~~ other material from CE371 was physically removed from CE397. I have recently sent you correspondence on this (unanswered to today by those to whom it was addressed). I have some of CE371 not in CE397, and you recall Specter's description, they are "identical". Moreover, all of the material referred to is unavailable - without explanation. I fully expect to sue for each item. Bud willing, as I believe he is. More, I have asked a number of pathologists, inc. Nichols and Wecht, if the body chart was adequate notes for any autopsy, and all agree it is not. The dictaphone might have been used for a run-of-the mill one, where the pathologist is alone at his bench, but I doubt if it would have for one of this historic importance or one with so many voices to intrude. If you have any more arguments against me, please give them, for I want to be able to answer all. I have more, for example, Finck's own notes, which are non-existent, from the evidence, for which I have sworn testimony and receipts. Finck did make notes and did turn them in, aside from the head chart. While I also agree with your conclusion that their statement there were no other notes would be worthwhile, I think we can establish that there were more notes and they have disappeared. I now expect to be able to do the same thing with the pictures and X-rays.

On 399, I did not make myself clear. What I am interested in is not the weighing of fragments, but the proof that without the weighing of any fragment, all that can be said to be missing from 399 is and was to official knowledge accounted for without the shedding of any single fragment. Over and above this, I have the size and approximate weight of one of the unaccounted-for fragments, of which there are at least two. All of this aside from the Shaw-autopsy testimony about the wrist fragments, etc.

I have asked Gary if one of his crew can make a note of every fact, weight or measurement in the autopsy so we can see if each is recorded in the existing notes, which are restricted to the body chart. If there is a single one not there, we have a case on this basis alone.

The pages from the internal files may be duplicated in some cases in others. like PC-4 and -4, but in this case they were in a separate file labelled "internal ~~xxxxxxxx~~ circulars". I am satisfied this file is not complete, but I will not now undertake to prove it. I believe I have copies from other files where this was written on and where I did not see them in this file. I started in this material the summer of 1967 and had to lay it aside. I have not heard from the prof of whom I wrote, but if I can get some of those students interested, I

try and make us an inventory of all such files. I was once told none exists. I shall ask again, soon. I agree with the rest of this paragraph, but do we not have to know what the various and subdivided files are labelled?

Your suggestion on the Oswald-FBI papers is excellent. I just do not have the time and know no Russian. It would be good if we could work up a series of individual projects to be done there, each on a separate sheet, so that if and when I can locate the people willing and able, I can put them right to it. One such is your idea for an over-all understanding of the mechanics of the entire archive.

I do not believe the statements in CE392 can be the statements obtained from each doctor by the SS for the very simple reason they pre-date the interviews. But I will let Rhoads tell me this is the case. My point on the withheld 12/5/63 lab report has to do with raw suppression- a lab report!

On the body chart (your p 2, par. 1) Because they are written with different instruments but the same hand. One set is in ink, the other in pencil. You may well be correct in presuming the internal organs are routinely weighed during the body examination, but there are other missing things here that I have established as missing, so I went to follow each item down and get a written answer on each, leaving nothing to presumption, no matter how reasonable. For example, there are some specimens that had to have been made and of which there is no existing record. In one such case I have just come across what I think may be proof the specimen was taken, very early in the examination.

On the withheld Ferris pages: thanks for the list of from CD 75. It seems to me there is or I had a list of all the Ferris pages, with a separate tabulation of those withheld. This is what I seek, if not all are from CD75. I can get it from Archives if you do not have it.

LHO did apply to Courtney for a job. He was sent there by ...-1 agency. Another tidbit: Thornley also applied for a job there, but his friend Boatright got it. There is no similarity between these two, Boatright is a fine, sensitive, decent person. Thornley forced himself, hung around (from what E's then girl friend told me). But the ref to 15M720 suggests a meeting between Margis, Backwards and Bringuer, who is also backwards, but not officially. Ref to ~~17M435~~ 17M435 what prisoner? Is there further ref 436?

Don may, of course, read PM III, but with the restriction of no public use, no passing on to others unless I okay. There are elements of this on which I am still working.

What does the law say, if you know, of the accessibility of such things as the Lamont pamphlet, of which you now have a copy, to examination? It doesn't make sense that they withheld this from you when CCE7 tells the whole story about it having been gotten from LHO before the assassination, with the 544 address.

Do you have the story on how the Perry letter to Shirley got into official hands or why? Does he tell her anything? I think I'd like to see it to see if he says anything about those things of which he talked to me. CD1349 I very much would like to see. There is much that Pena told me I have never had a chance to tell you, and I have several untranscribed tapes. DeBrueys once threatened him physically, after the deposition. He told me deB attended all the meetings of the Cuban groups to which he belonged (as so often Ferris did). This has added interest to me because it is dated but five days before Pena's deposition. I also want to see to what extent deB thus dominated Liebeler's work, or set forth its doctrine. DeB had to know the man who threw that fake drunk could not have been the real LHO. The time alone establishes it. He also had to know Bringuer's testimony about the date was perjurious. I'll want

to see what he put in, what he left out, to what extent he victimized Liebel.

Brener book by the time you get this you will have gotten the two letters I sent him. He is one of the better trial lawyers in N.O., and he does represent more than Martens (whose guilt he actually pleads in the book) of those embroiled in the various aspects of this thing. After reading the T-P serialization, I get the impression he is of the upper-middle-class Jewish liberal set, a sincere man who is genuine in his dislike of Garrison. I also have not the slightest doubt in the world he does not have and could not take the time to do the research embodied in the serialization alone. There is evidence some of it came from inside Jim's office, one of the more likely sources being Gethell or his lawyer. I discussed a narrow element with Moo yesterday. Townley is back in N.O., having quite WNEW-TV or benefited (Copran had a fine job with WTOP-TV, Washington now). Moo bumped into him in the Quarter a while back, when Rick was in full beard and sandals. He then said he had returned to write his book on the case/Garrison. If he did it, I doubt the publishers are standing in line waiting for it Moo thinks he may have ghosted or given it to Brener. If this is a possibility, I'd be more inclined to think he sold the contents, but the serialization provides no clues I've detected. Eventually I will want a copy of the book, but if it is no out I cannot afford it. I have not heard that it is out. Indications are it also could not achieve commercial publication. If your question relates to what it may contain about the fact of the assassination, I have no reason to believe it will have anything. I'll also want to see if there are indications Brener was the beneficiary of official help, which may show more clearly in the complete text.

Thanks for the reminder on the excess typing. I'd forgotten it and I've made a note to take asking for the original in the suit. One member whose identity I may have told you flipped when I showed that to him. He couldn't believe it. He is on the back burner for a while, but sometime soon I think there are other things I should take to him.

Your Bates memo: did you check Stovall receipts (which have superficial signs of doctoring, as do the accompanying pictures, which I have?) This is not to dispute your belief, and I do not, but it is well to bear in mind that Jenner was in a constant state of confusion at best, near senility at worst, and running for the ABA presidency. How can "Affidavits and Statements Taken in Connection With the Assassination of the President" be CD39? Have you asked the archives for what Jenner had? I'd entirely forgotten that. It may be quite important. But that title does not suit CD39, and not even Jenner would make such a booby. The rest of this also is quite important, I agree with your suggestion, which is entirely ~~with~~ in accord of my own analysis of some of these LHO writing, which I early said were consistent with the collection of the kind of data the CIA always sought. Aside from Moore, I am not inclined to blindly accept your suggestions about the contact. Moore is entirely consistent. I recall something else about the interest of the engineer. It may have been Gregory, but I am unclear. This, however, does not stand alone. There is something else on that and it does not come to mind. You may have something quite significant here. I will follow it further when I return to Agent Oswald.

CD39:9. There is much of this that cannot be right, the question being is it the usual FBI gerbling. One: If Oswald "had been sent home". The inference is disciplined, which is inconsistent with his El Toro assignment. The "lots of talk about" Oswald undoubtedly after the "defection", which, of course, was after he "was sent home" but unrelated to it. Unless Thornley (never known as "Rick", to my knowledge) began writing the book while at Atsugi, there is here a pretty strong inference that later had reason to believe Schwinghammer knew things about LHO, for LHO had left Atsugi before S or KY got there. Or that S's job put him in such a position (his MACS function is not indicated. Very interesting.

Is my memory defective in not retrieving this name, or is one of his mates not mentioned elsewhere/ If this is the case, do you know what led to him so very soon? He was located and seen four days after the assassination. Maybe Albany is not far from him and someday Gary can check into this. I think it may be very worthwhile.

CMX 1245:374-6: With the rest of this all or so large a part handled out of San Antonio so much earlier, why does this seem to be of Dallas origins and of so relatively late a date. If this is the doc with the name identical with that of one of the men arrested at a camp, this lack first names. Are they elsewhere? Why did this get repeated, since the manifest is ~~22~~ CM598a dated 2/14, three months earlier?

More on Emory: I believe he did some work on arrests also. I brought the two of you together because there seems to be a purpose now. Earlier, it would just have been a burden or more work for you. He seems to be thorough.

I'll read and write on the Davison papers enclosed and so welcome later in the day. I'm going out for a little work/exercise while there is till sun (and light). However, I did speak to Bud and I did ask him to look for and get copies of the British editions of the Penkovsky papers. If when he returns he does not have it (if he does, I'll send it to both of you before I read), remind me to ask my favorite female British agent "Cibdy" to get it. I am sure she will try and can get help if she needs it through a fan of mine there who is a political science professor.

Very good stuff. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

CS Gary