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Dear Jim,

5/27/77

Howard has caught one of my careless errors and had made some worthwhile suggestions re Tague and the curbstone.

In WW I refer to the Dallas UAS in connection with this, letter of 7/7/74. HR notes that there was an earlier letter conveying the Dillard picture and suggests getting it. He is correct but I'd broaden this to all records relating to that curbstone and missed shot. There might be something else in it.

I'd appreciate it if you'd ask for this by phone rather than my writing for it. They can add it to my overdue order and we can save the minimum charge. You might also ask how long it will be before they can fill that order. Must be about two months now.

Howard suggests that Dillard may have distrusted the FBI. I think otherwise, that the Commission lawyers recognized FBI stonewalling and used Sanders office to by-pass. If I am right this can have 75-226 significance. We need these records for 226.

My 5/17/77 memo refers to the SS and the X-ray viewers as in connection with showing them to the Bethesda doctors. I was wrong by a month. It was the Dallas-Connally doctors.

However, when the Secret Service comes up with this non-withholdable record after all these years and we know they showed the JFK X-rays to the Commission staff and some doctors, question is why is there no similar JFK record from SS?

In connection with my notes on the Alvarez article Howard reminds me he had given me a copy of this piece at Stevens Point. I do not have it. If you or have you keep it because I have another now. HR then noted the ERDA involvement, too.

What was ERDA doing supporting such a project?

Howard is moving as of 6/1, the day after the first part of his bars. His address will be 5885 Edenfield Road, Apt b-29, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.

Best,

5/22/77

MEMO: re Secret Service 4/16/64 memo on X-ray viewing boxes  
by Howard Roffman  
to Harold Weisberg

When I got your brief memo of 5/17/77 about this SS memo, I had not yet received the document itself. However, I raised an eyebrow because you got the date of the autopsy doctors' testimony wrong. You thought it was 4/15 or 16. It was 3/16/64 (3H347)

Now that I have the memo itself, it is pretty clear to me that it refers to the Connally X rays, not the JFK ones. Note that Kelley never specifies what X rays would be viewed on the boxes. He refers only to the Commission's request for 2 x-ray viewing boxes, needed on April 21. Also, as you note, he speaks of returning them to BETHesda at the conclusion of the hearings on April 21.

The Parkland Doctors Shaw and Gregory testified before the Commission in Washington on April 21. The JBC X rays were there. At one point in the testimony, Specter begins questioning Shaw about the X rays and says "May the record show we have available a viewer for the X-rays." (4H106) Of course, Specter's reference is in the singular. I do not think it precludes the possibility that there were 2 viewers in the hearing room.

I also do not think it is particularly unusual that the SS would have gone to Bethesda or Boswell to get the viewing box. It was a local hospital and the WC at least were acquainted with some of the personnel there, including Boswell. Note that the 4/16 memo says only that Boswell would make the boxes available to the SS on 4/20, not that he would accompany the boxes.

I welcome refutation, but am fairly well persuaded that this memo does not relate to Kelley's arranging a viewing of the JFK X-rays.

HR