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Dear Dale Curtis,

Please excuse the haste and brevity. Hard and long day.

What the FBI's spectrographic examinations were are hard to explain without lots of words I now do not have time for. Dubious in some areas, strictly dishonest in others, never formulated in anything that could be called a report, never put together in any meaningful way, and the basis of two suffered mysterious disappearances, the film of one and the substance of the other.

What I found in any way useful is in Post Mortem.

Unless more has been disclosed under the 1992 Act and is available at the Archives, there is only what I got in CA 75-226 or whatever else they may be withholding still.

You may find an explanation in the beginning of NEVER AGAIN!

They never investigated and never intended to investigate the crime itself.

You'll find more on this in the Afterword.

I think you'll waste your time if you try to get more from the FBI.

With its computer system it may be possible that the Archives can tell you what is there. It should include all I got and any more that has been released. But the FBI being the FBI, it may have deposited nothing relating to these examinations there.

I doubt it deposited the transcripts of our deposing those Lab agents in CA 75-226.

Your bookstore should be able to provide Selections. I used one of the few copies I have for promotions to save us both the trouble and sent the publisher a check for it.

As of my last information NEVER AGAIN! is due next month. It may be delayed a little. It is in page proof and they are being checked now.

best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

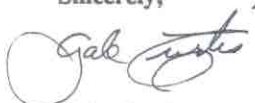
You mentioned in your last letter to me that you were in failing health. I pray that this condition has improved and that you are doing much better at this time.

I'm sure you will wonder why this letter is accompanied by a copy of your book Case Open. I'm sending it to you in hopes that you will inscribe it for me. In addition, at the beginning of the book Case Open is a list of items that you had written previously. The only two of these publications that I do not have in my library are Oswald in New Orleans and Selections from Whitewash. I have included in this letter a check for \$45.00 which I hope will cover the cost of one each of these publications. Again, if possible, please write a short inscription in each of them including Case Open and return them to me at the address listed above. I am anxious to receive these copies because, as you may remember, you have already inscribed and/or autographed all the others in my library. The last price list that I obtained from you listed Oswald in New Orleans at \$27.00 pp. I do not have a current price for Selections from Whitewash. If more than \$45.00 is required for these two items, please let me know and I will send the additional money immediately. Also, if you have any late information concerning the publishing of Never Again, please let me know that status also.

Now, I wonder if I might ask you a question? I know that in your opinion one of the most important factors in the assassination was the result of the spectrographic analysis for the bullet fragments found in the limousine. I know that because of the great deal of time and effort you spent trying to obtain those records. I am assuming that the results were never released. Have they been released? If not, what is the current status in light of the JFK Assassination Records Act? Is there anyone in particular that I could write that could make a difference in getting the results released? And also, realistically, do you think they will ever release them in our lifetimes?

You have been very diligent in answering my previous letters, so once again I look forward to hearing from you very soon. Again, I send you my best wishes for improved health.

Sincerely,


Gale Curtis