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Dear Mel,

Since writing you and getting your note, I've made it my business to read two original case studies -- one by a leading German psychiatrist, the second by an outstanding Danish psychiatrist and lecturer at the University of Copenhagen. The Danish case study includes a detailed description of a third case which occurred in Denmark also. Every one of these cases is virtually on all fours with the picture presented not only by your client, but Oswald as Well. Bill Woodfield's series on his interviews with Ruby completely corroborate the theory -- which is now an absolute and earnest conviction in me -- that Jack Ruby was in fact hypno-conditioned.

I hope that in some way this letter will communicate to you the depth of my conviction which admits of no doubt at all. If anything, I began my study of the Oswald and Ruby cases through the facts reported in the Press with the eye not only of a lawyer but of an American with liberal political beliefs. incensed at both the assassination and the killing of Oswald. If anything, I was prejudiced against Ruby. As the pattern began to emerge, I checked the psychiatric texts, read Schilder and other first-rate sources. The theory was beginning to take shape in spite of my prejudice; yet there was no willingness in me to take this theory seriously until every source confirmed the pattern. I then got off my letter to the Special Commission, every word in it based on the facts and the documented sources. I must rell you, in all honesty, that I never received an acinowhedgment from the Special Commission of my letter; but that does not matter, for I am thoroughly convinced of Ruby's innoconce that he was the robot of another.

You have probably never heard of "locking suggestions", Hel. This is the problem Ruby is up against -- and the tragedy is that Ruby doesn't even know it. I don't know what, apart from "Fugue or dissociated state", the diagnosis of Schafer and Bromberg was, but I will bet my last dollar that they found him to be an obsessive-compulsive neurotic with psychopathic and schizoid components, that the picture of brain damage was in the results of the Bender-Gestalt, the Bellevue-Wechsler, the Rorschach and

other association tests they administered. Please believe me, Mel -- the brain damage picture is not the result of previous concussion and physical trauma, but of hypno-conditioning, of induction by suggestion through deep hypnosis of an artificial psychosis. Unlocking of this psychosis, of establishing the identity of the hypno-conditioner, requires a dedicated hypnotherapist with an exhaustive knowledge not only of Freudian but of Pavlovian principles. Please believe me also that Ruby's explanation of what gave rise to his act, of his feelings of depression and overwroughtness at the President's death, of his feelings for Mrs. Kennedy and the further torment Oswald's trial would cause her, of his chagrin at the finithy anti-Kennedy ads and hate posters -- these are all confabulations and rationalizations similar to those found in Korsakoff's Sy ndrome; all caused by the hypno-conditioning he was subjected to. In all of the cases, the hypno-conditioned victim shows the symptoms of an obsessivecompulsive neurotic with psychopathic and schizoid components; one even showed symptoms of schizophrenia paranoia with the delusions, the hallucinations, the whole bit -- all the result of the conditioning process. See P.J. Reiter (M.D., Lecturer on Psychotherapy and Psychosomatic Medicine at the University of Copenhagen), "Antisocial or Criminal Acts and Hypnosis: A Case Study", English Ed., Munksgaard - Copenhagen, 1958.

You must understand that the question of the hypnotic induction of criminal acts and behavior is one which has a long history going back to Charcot, Freud, Janet, Bernheim. It has a complex and learned literature which involved the fitten best minds in psychological medicine from 1895 onwards. The Salpetriere (Charcot) and Nancy (Bernheim) schools had controversial opinions regarding the question. Liegeois, Professor of Law at Nancy, considered the question of tremendous importance to jurisprudence. Himself and a distinguished jurist, he sided unreservedly with Bernheim that hypnotism can be misused for criminal ends -- a question which subsequent experimental work and actual cases established as indisputable fact. The use of hypnotism for criminal ends takes up four long chapters in his monograph ("De la Suggestion et du Sornarbulisme dans leurs rapports avec la Jurisprudence et la Modicine logale", Paris, 1889), and he cites a number of such cases appearing in the French courts from 1830 onwards.

Do not think for one moment that because this literature and discussion appeared in the '90s, it is outdated. On the contrary, all of the most recent studies support its illustrations and theses. When Reiter (supra) refers to Karl du Prel ("Des Hypnotische Verbrechung und seine Entdeckung", Munich, 1869), it is only by way of re-stating what his own study, treatment and method of uncovering the evidence in the actual case assigned to him showed.

Marl du Brel (a psychoanalyst of the Lite)nineteenth century, a contemporary of Freud's) was "not only in firm support of the

theory but realizes that there is an obvious possibility that it may create an entirely new type of criminal and one of a particularly dangerous type. The criminal who makes use of hypnotism has unrivalled opportunities of wiping out all traces of his action and, moreover, of avoiding discovery, since even if he comes under suspicion it will be extremely difficult, and often quite impossible, to produce any evidence against him."

Now, perhaps, you have some idea of what "locking suggestions" are and why it takes a truly dedicated hypnotherapist with good understanding not only of the problem but an excellent grasp of Freudian and Pavlovian theory. A run-of-the-mill psychiatrist could never unlock Ruby -- for he would have no understanding of what is involved.

Do you want more ?...Describing the nature of the subject-victim's reaction, Reiter gives us du Prel's simple explanation. Thus, "...the hypnotizer can take advantage of the loss of memory which the medium suffers after a deep hypnosis regarding everything that has passed between his subject and himself. This includes the recollection of those suggestions made to him, under hypnosis, about actions which he is to perform not during his hypnotic state but after his awakening, after a longer or shorter period of time has elapsed. The effects of such suggestions may take place at a certain prescribed time or on receipt of a signal fixed upon under hypnosis (note: Bernheim reports a case in which the post-hypnotic suggestion was carried out to the very minute exactly a year after it was given, without recollection by the subject). Such suggestions are known as post-hypnotic suggestions and it is a well-known fact that when the subject comes to carry them out, and has no recollection of what occurred under his hypnotic state, he regards them as spontaneous impulses on his part. They may be felt as imperative, inner compulsions, inexplicable in themselves. But more often it appears that the subject tries to rationalize them, improvising pseudo-motives to account for them. Outwardly, therefore, such actions may seem to resemble strongly the compulsory actions of obsessive-compulsive neurotics."

Do you want to know why Ruby shows a brain syndrome picture? Probably because some toxin was used together with the conditioning. Alcohol. Peyote. Mescaline. LSD-25. To lock the post-hypnotic suggestions firmly in, to prevent Ruby from clearing, from being re-hypnotized by anyone other than the Conditioner. Sound like something out of a piece of fantasy-fiction? Then see "The Manipulation Of Human Behavior", 1961, John Wiley & Sons, compiled under the auspices of and sponsored by Uncle Sam's own USAF), Additional & Thomas, Eds., for agreed the grant decomposited decomposited series, see for 187-111.

I tell you, Mel, this case is insidious. The theory isn't really a second-line defense. It's what actually happened. I would love

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ear Fellow-Lawyer:

n making effort to give information to another lawyer is some what comparable to an attorney going before the Grand Jury in behalf of his client, once in a life time is about enough.

Anyway, I have felt a deep concern for you in the taking of the Ruby case and feel that I must state some facts, some which I am sure know about, maybe all of them.

Joe Brown was a J.P. in Oak Cliff for ten years, was suspected of rape but the witness refused to testify, was elected to the then One County Criminal Court. I was at that time serving as an Assistant City Attorney in charge of all prosecution and Appeal of Corporation Court cases.

I resigned and was appointed Asst D.A. by Dean Gauldin, now Judge of County Crimnal Court No.3, being assigned to prosecute in Joe's court, where I did for over 2 years.

I resigned and ran against him, lost by few hundred votes out of over 50,000. Dr Harry Hoxey, many times tried Fake, Fraud Cancer healer, ownes Joe and that time came to my office and laid \$15,000.00 on my desk not to run and offered ten more if I would switch to the D.A. race and from that time on although we differed some politically we became great personal friends Doc is retired but he is a graet behind the scenes operator.

Tom Howard is married to a whore he represented that killed an underworld character, he will , lie, steal, double-cross any-one, any lawyer, and any client, he is a jail-runner of the worst kind. He did have Clyde White that had Policeradio would extort fees from people not able and on one occassion was indicted for False-imprisonment of client in a locked room while his wife got up the money to Tom with, he was Indicted by the Fe, tried and convicted on several years failur to file an income tax, lives with and associates with common whores, bellows like a bull but fundamentally is not what we term a good solid trial lawyer, he has no ethics, cannot be trusted and is completely unworthy of any trust or confidence

Jage Newberry one of better lawyers hired me once to help him try a bawdy house case with 42 counts in the Information because I had just reversed one from the Ct Cr Appeals in Austi We tried it be ore Joe and I kepy seeing Tom around and we haw many nights of trail and I found he was lting to our client Cora Reynolds and we already had enough errors to reverse the case but she fired u, hired him and he took herMotel and all she had, lost the case on Appeal and she did many years in Co jail.

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In your case watch him, he will sell you out, double cross you, or your client, if he can gain any benefit.

Capt Fritz of Homice is also a treacheous person. lie, cheat and resort to any means.

The Dallas News is unfair, biased, partial to Henry Wade, will misquote you etc. It is the mouth piece of the great Charter Assn that runs Dallas from Highland Pk.

Sheriff Bill Decker and I have been veryclose for years , he is fair, just, reasonable and knows more under world characters that the whole Fed Gov.

Henry Wade came form a little country town Rockwall, Texas, near Dallas, had no experience to speak of and came in to allas, ran for D.A. the same year I did against Joe and defeated very bad, then took a meager job with Will Wilson, the brainless wonder, that the politicians moved on to Atyy Gen and gave Henry the D.A. office.

I have defeated him in Felony trials and he only takes the cince cases , so he is not so hot.

So after 28 years criminal law, raising a school teacher and son lawyer, enjoying a successfull and lucrative practice I just love San Francisco so much came on out here to live. I work at the Bank of Cal, have just finished an AIB Investment course, received one raise and that it about it. I got here to late to file for the Bar.

If I can be of any help to you please let me know.

Sincerely, Lawis Herk