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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd. October 1994 and cheque in the refunded sum of \$33.35.

I look forward to receipt of the books after they have negotiated the perils of the Kuwaiti postal system. This may take some days yet. Patience is a definite requirement when working in the Middle East.

I am also very grateful for your observations on ASK and Harrison Livingstone's work. I have read three of Mr. Livingstone's books but have never attended an ASK Conference; I had hoped to manage the latter this year but work commitments have prevented it. Your experienced comments certainly help in composing a proper perspective of both. It is not easy to determine who or what information to trust in this matter so your comments are especially valuable.

One point in your letter brought me up short. This was your reference to the alleged back-of-head wound, when you observed: "The back of the head is intact." Is this your firm opinion of what actually happened or simply a reference to what is visible in the Zapruder film?

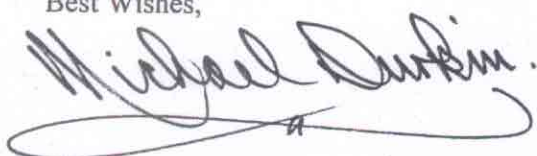
I ask this question because the rear head wound is important for virtually all conspiracy theories. If this wound existed it would seem to corroborate the view that the shot originated from right front *ahead* and not off to the side. It seems common-sense to deduce that a shot from the side would have knocked the president in the opposite direction from the point of origin and propelled him into his wife Jacqueline and/or would have left an exit wound on the left side of his head. But the Zapruder film clearly shows him being thrown to slightly left rear of his seat.

In addition to this, witnesses such as the Willis family maintain that, "The back of his head came off," Charles Brehm said a piece of skull flew rearwards towards him after the impact and filmed and written interviews of the Parkland Hospital doctors and Bethesda Naval Hospital autopsy technicians show them continuing to make the same claim. It would have been relatively easy to obliterate this part of the head from the Zapruder film.

I find it difficult to reconcile this conflict. But it may be that your years of inquiry have resolved this question and perhaps explained it in your books. If not, (and if you have time) may I respectfully request your opinion of the number of shots, point(s) of origin and conspiracy suspects?

I appreciate you may not have time to do this. If you cannot, please accept my thanks for your patience and opinions. I am indebted to you.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Durkin." The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that loops back under the name.

Dear Michael Durkin,

11/77/94

The Zapruder film is very clear on the back of the head being intact more than 20 frames after the head wound is seen to make it explode at 313. It was when "Livingstone saw that that he decided the film was faked and I was conspiring against him and with H.L.Hunt and others!

When you come to my discussion of those 40 dust-like particles in the head you will see a case for a shot from the right front.

I postulated front and back ^{head motion} in WWII after examining the Z film but feared it would not be believed and would lead to the wrong kind of controversy so I underwrote it considerably. But the front and back is still there. That was in 1966.

I think a lot of confusion comes from so much of the right side being blown out and so far toward the back and that the spray of scalp backward led to that belief. Some also went toward the south.

The autopsy technicians, most, have surrendered any claim to credibility from talking out of both ^{sides} of the mouth and being so obviously wrong too often.

I think that for a number of reasons, including the copies already out, it would have been both difficult and risky to try to doctor the Z film.

I do not theorize about the number of shots and where they came from so I can't answer that questions responsibly. Unfortunately, we are limited to what they could not avoid in the non-investigation.

Please excuse the rush. Best wishes,

Harold Weisby