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Dear Fred,

The Post 11/23/63 story in particular is the one in which I was interested. This is because the autopsy quotes that story-- in an autopsy yet! Glad to have the Times, too.

If I asked you to see if you can get the Sun and AP stories on their 11/66 Boswell interviews, don't bother. I found mine. Although an entire afternoon earlier did not turn them up.

The only quote in which I was interested is the one both papers used about front-entry. I remembered it, I have the press conference in which Perry said it twice, but I no longer had a copy. Gave all the clippings to Wisconsin years ago. I think you can see how useful this can be in jamming JAMA.

As I'm sure I told you, taking Lifton's word on anything is risky. The Kilduff transcript might be interesting.

Sorry we don't have a spare bed for when you come. I know what you face from all the many trips I made to and from New York days I went there to try to get published.

I'm glad you are getting a copy of the transcript of the JAMA press conference. I may want to quote some of it. AMA refused a copy to Dave Wrono, Wisconsin history prof. I do not know that this aspect will ever interest you but remember if it does that I have the transcript of Finck's New Orleans testimony.

When you drive up, I suggest you check the best way. I think that staying away from the beltway and taking the Point of Rocks bridge will be faster and shorter.

Thanks for the good wishes re the sleep apnea. Johns Hopkins, after the last test, decided that the device for feeding room air under slight pressure into me would be helpful. Before phoning to tell me this they arranged for someone to bring the device here. He called that night after I was asleep, Thursday. He said he'd call yesterday morning. No word from him. So I have yet to learn.

Many thanks,

Harold

June 17, 1992

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your help on the phone today. As you requested, I have enclosed the following:

- A copy of the January 4, 1964 Journal of the American Medical Association "article."
- "Copies" of the Nov. 23, 1963 New York Times and Washington Post articles which mention the statements by Parkland doctors (or, at least, Dr. Kemp Clark in the Times and Malcolm Perry in the Post) about the front-entry neck wound, and also a "massive gaping wound in the back."

These were the only quotes by Dallas doctors that I could find, at least for Nov. 23. All things considered, these very limited quotes from the Parkland press conference strike me as remarkably skimpy.

At 3:10 P.M. CST, ~~the~~ UPI wire "A" carried the following quote: "Dr. Malcolm Perry, thirty-four, said 'there was an entrance wound below the Adams apple.'" I believe that the AP wire carried the same statement, but I don't have any more details.

However, a full transcript survives—at the LBJ library in Austin—and I am sending today for a copy. I'll send you one when I get it!!

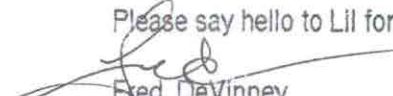
With regard to Malcolm Kilduff's (Kennedy's Press Secretary) "statement" (where, when announcing the President's death at Parkland, he pointed to a spot just over his right eye when he was allegedly asked by a reporter where the President was shot), I can tell you the following:

- there is a photo of Kilduff in Lifton's book Best Evidence (photo no. 28, in a photo insert section between pp. 638 & 639), with the following caption: "...Kilduff points to right temple in answering a question... as to where the bullet struck Kennedy."

However, I also have a copy of a brief portion of that press conference on video (from Nigel Turner's The Men Who Shot JFK, which has been aired two or three times on the A & E television network). It is not clear exactly what he was asked, but his exact response is "Dr. Burkley (JFK's personal physician) tells me that it's a simple matter of a bullet right through" (at which time, he points his right index finger to a point just above his right eye) the head." I hadn't thought of it till now, but maybe I can also get a full transcript of that press conference from the LBJ library. If so, I'll also send you a copy of that one.

That's all for now. I hope to get up to see you soon. I don't have a home in Northern Virginia anymore, and it's a long drive to get up to you, and back in the same day, so I'm not sure when. I hope things are going as well as possible for you, and especially that you'll find a way to get some relief from your sleep apnea.

Please say hello to Lil for me. Best Regards,


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Sorry about the quality of the copies — they've been so used that the microfilm is all but shot.

Ed