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Dear Jim, attached Balt. Sun materials, letters:

You know about war being too important to leave to the generals.

So is it with fact and experts, in this case the Sun'd Donahue.

To the Evening Sun, editorial herewith, all others are nuts and conspiracy buffs.

They come up with one of the nastier allegations, fail to do the most prefatory checking, and they are responsible. Only others are not.

I wrote before reading the editorial. However, I did read the second piece Sunday night so I know what they went for.

Donahue has improvised irresponsibly on my work, beginning with the assumption that Oswald intended to be the assassin. He does go for the magi-bullet theory.

Memory after all these years is not dependable, but it is my recollection that there was an entirely different weapon in the follow-up car, a Browning Automatic Rifle, BAR. It is my recollection that once past the scene of the crime an agent in the follow-up car stood with it.

But can you imagine all those witnesses including so many who spoke to Garrison and not one seeing a standing agent shooting from the follow-up car? The JFK intimates in that car being silent? None of the press seeing this? No Dallas cop having a word to say?

Take a good look at Altgens in my books. There is no standing agent inside the car. That was at Z253. The fatal shot was 60 frames later, roughly 3 seconds. Try for yourself, and forget about 10 people in and on one car: reach down to simulate picking up a weapon, then stand, then aim and then squeeze off a shot. In 3 seconds? Why not even the most magical or gifted of Oswalds could do that.

But the Sun did go for it- big. And much of the media afterward.

Seeking scientific test results, however, is another matter.

That does not involve any Donahues theorizing.

I do not expect them to join.

If they do not or do not hire you I'll still give them copies of what was given in supposed compliance but nothing else.

Best,