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Dear Director Freeh,

I hope the reforms you are instituting as reported in yesterday's Washington Post include your own office so that what the Director should know is not screened from him by those wanting to keep ghosts closeted or, when they do not, attach selections of propaganda from the files for prejudice.

I am 80 years old, seriously ill and seek nothing personal in writing you.

I am not anti-FBI and I regard it as an essential agency, especially in today's world. (Please excuse my typing. It cannot be any better.) As a concerned citizen I am more than pleased with what the Post says you are doing. It is because I believe that you should know what I take this time to tell you that I do that.

I am, as the FBI has told the federal courts, the country's outstanding expert on the investigations of the assassination of President Kennedy. If the FBI ever did a worse job I hope never to hear of it. I am prepared to prove this to you or to anyone in your trust beyond reasonable question. I am the only author of books on the subject who does not theorize conspiracies. My work comes from the official information only. In about ten FOIA lawsuits against the FBI, some precedential and one leading to the 1974 amending of the investigatory files exemption, the FBI was not once able to attribute factual error to me. To perfect the record for history most filings were by me, under oath, not lawyer's briefings. In response to one of my many sworn-to allegations of FBI perjury the actual response was that I could make such charges *ad infinitum* because I knew more about that assassination than anyone in the employ of the FBI. And the court accepted that in silence. I obtained, in all, about a quarter of a million pages. I make them available to all writing in the field and, with no *quid pro quo*, they will be a permanent public archive at local Hood College.

There is a simple means by which you can learn for yourself that I am truthful in this. ^{proofs} Of the many I can provide that I enclose ^{one of two}. Get the results, and I mean with the assurance that you have everything, from the Lab on its spectrographic examination of the curbstone struck by a bullet (the FBI said maybe a fragment), including the contemporaneous pictures and those taken by SA Lyndal Shaneyfelt when he had that curbstone dug up and flown to the Lab for testing. You will find that, although the FBI knew that the curbstone had been patched, it went through the charade of pretending that the patch was the impact. I enclose the Dallas synopsis page reflecting this. Ask the Lab to tell you all the components of that bullet because you will find that the supposed spectrographic analysis, as disclosed to me as "all" of it, picked up only two - and those two, as an agent's notes I have say, could have come from an automobile wheel weight. Ask

it also to give you the spectrographic plate and, if it cannot, ^{to give you} what it told the court about that thin plate in my C.A. 75-226. It was, carefully unsworn, that it was discarded to save space!

And if you want the records of the FBI declining pictures of the President actually being assassinated on the false ground that it could not be used "for identification" I will gladly give you that. There are close to 50 witnesses in that picture all identifiable and all witnesses. It really meant no Oswald with a smoking gun. At the same time the FBI declined a free copy of a home movie on the ground it did not show the building from which the shots it said were fired. In fact, it has 87 frames of that very window only moments before the shooting.

I was also James Earl Ray's pro bono investigator. I conducted the investigation for the successful habeas corpus proceeding and then for the two weeks of evidentiary hearing. I have the transcripts I think you should have read for you by someone you trust if the FBI does not have them. A means by which you can readily satisfy yourself about what the FBI did and did not do is by comparing the FBI's affidavit on this to procure Ray's extradition with the testimony of the expert I produced and took to the clerk of the Memphis court for him to examine the remnant of bullet taken from King's body. SA Robert Frazier attested that there were no marks of distinction. My expert swore that given that ~~remnant~~ remnant, that rifle to test fire and recover specimens, he could without question state whether or not it had been fired from that rifle. There is much more on this if you want to learn and to be able to correct what I believe will condemn the FBI in history if uncorrected.

I am a former reporter, investigative reporter, Senate investigator and editor and was an analyst in the OSS in World War II. I have ~~Not~~ approached my work as a whodunit. I am the first member of my family ever born into freedom, that means much to me, and I have been attempting to pay for what become mine by the accident of my birth here. I seek nothing from you, ask nothing from you and at my age and health, there is no personal gain of any kind in this for me. My work may well be over although I work daily. I have two unpublished manuscripts and if you want someone to read them, you are welcome.

I said I am not ^{anti-}FBI. In 1938 the Department borrowed me from the Senate to help it in a famous and sensational case of that era, U.S.v Mary Helen et al, the "Bloody Harlan" County Kentucky case. I lived with agents for four months. They were a fine group of men. One remained a friend until he died. He headed two DJ divisions later, the last Criminal. He was J.M. McInerney. He trusted me with what could have gotten him fired, riding with him when no SA was available. To do that he had me learn to disassemble and reassemble his automatic blindfolded, and I did ride with him, ^{staying} ~~staying~~ in the car to cover him when he approached doors in the wilderness. And if long before your time you want a story you will find amusing, Del Bryce, then assigned to Oklahoma City, the only

SA I ever saw during Hoover's day to dress as he pleased, put on a remarkable demonstration that ended all talk of what would happen to us. ~~Some~~ Thirty some defendants were deputized gun thugs. After hearing those stories, when Bryce and his partner stopped off at a country store to get a cold drink, he asked that six empty bottles be lined up I think on a fence. He hit every one shooting over his shoulder. And there ~~was~~ never was another word about any retaliation.

What else I know remains and will remain secret.

Long letters are unwelcome but there is one other thing I think you should know. This is because it ~~was~~ ^{is} very hurtful to the FBI in history at least and because it was a means of wasting very large sums of government money. All my suits were tainted by FBI perjury. I mean by this knowing false swearing to the material. (I am not a lawyer.)

By these means several of my suits were stonewalled for a decade, costs running up all the time.

Whether you heed this letter or not, I do wish you well. The FBI sorely needs the steps the Post reports you are taking and the country has never had a greater need for the best FBI possible.

Sincerely,



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