

Dear Jim,

Times/Bud/CBS

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I've been waiting for close to 2 hours for Bud to call me back. While we were talking he got another call. I asked him to wait 20 minutes so I could take a walk and then return the call.

We'll probably talk about most or all of this but maybe I'll forget.

Regardless of what the Times stories say - and I called him because I'd learned they are in New York and will probably be printed before the CBS show is aired - we should be taking some initiatives and preparing for others. I have a handwritten series of anticipatory notes I've made.

The Times story can be used as an advance answer to CBS, too. In a press conference for which I've made some notes.

There are two things I need as fast as we can get them.

From the Archives, where I have money on account, the best pictures they have of the two front-seat fragments, FBI Nos. Q2, Q3. I'm not taking time to look up the exhibit numbers. (I'm using the table I made so I can keep both feet up. It is uncomfortable and requires some manoeuvring to get them up without overturning the box on which I rest the heels.) By this I mean the clearest enlargements. If they have no prints on hand have them make me a negative and a 5x7 print of each enlarged to the limit of clarity.

The Kelley confirmation hearings.

Make it two prints of each. If they will have to pose or if they'll print from existing negatives. My interest is in showing as much as possible of the jacket and the rifling marks on each piece. My interest is not in the core. Jacket and rifling.

Bud persists in saying the Times questioning centered around the O'Connor conference, with Crewdson doing most of the questioning, and with no significant indication of any other interest.

Hard to believe it took 3 men for this.

I did tell him that if they undertake to use any of Haile's stuff or approach that I would respond with some vigor and "new evidence." And that you and I had made undenied responses to McRae.

The specifics I have in mind do not include any of the stuff from 7501996 because it isn't needed. They would be appropriate for any attack.

There is but one advantage to this new table: I don't have to spread-eagle myself. Too uncomfortable with both legs up. And with a bad roller (supplier out of stock) it vibrates, which may improve my typing. ??

Best,