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Dear Hal =

I received your latest letter & note it was delayed because of the wrong P.O. Box it was sent to.

I'm enclosing a dozen of the self-adhesive labels showing my post office box address. You should keep these near you as possible so you won't have to keep looking up my address. If you need any more, let me know.

There isn't much movement in the research community that I know of and little I know of in the way of new books. I know you said you were going to get Fetzer's latest "gem" of a book ("Murder in Dealey Plaza" & I've gone through it. It adds little to his original book with the exception of Jack White's complete absurdities possibly being an exception. The problem is, & I'm sure you understand this, is that too many people believe this nonsense.

By way of adding to this latter point: I recently met here in S.F. with a German citizen

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who attends virtually all of the JFK conferences (I was not at the last Jancer 2000 convention) & I asked him if it was his opinion that those who attended it were of the belief that the alteration (of Z film) was still a strong belief. He was quite honest with me & said, "Hal, I'm afraid the majority there held to the belief that there was alteration just as their advocates say." Well, I was a bit surprised to hear this but it does show where we're at.

You asked what I had in my Fetzer file. Of course I have his first & now his second book & I assume you, too, have both.

In addition I have copies of articles back & forth between myself & Fetzer where I debated & refuted some of his arguments. I think all my responses were in the "Fourth Decade" & I think I sent them to you previously. But what I will do is retrieve them again & give them for you to look at once again. I'll try my best to get these done this weekend or, at least, during the week.

I may have mentioned that Jerry Rose stopped publishing the "Fourth Decade" due to health & financial reasons.

This means there are now only 3 magazines being issued which are (1) Jancer's, (2) Walt Brown's "JFK Deep Politics Quarterly" & (3) "Probe" by Dr. Eugenio.

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I went into a book store recently to see if I could get Specter's book in which there is one (or several chapters) on his role in the Warren Commission. The book store which had it (the book) at one time said after the last one sold they decided not to reorder it because there was little interest in getting the book by readers.

Walt Brown's latest issue notes that a subscriber to his magazine after reading Specter's book, pointed out that whenever Gerald Ford is questioned about the so-called "Single Bullet Theory" he always refers the questioner to "Mr. Specter". And then Walt points out that Specter apparently said, in effect, that even if that "theory" is wrong that is OK because he made an honest mistake.

I've not read Specter's book so I can't comment of what Walt Brown writes about, until I see precisely what Specter did write it would be interesting to see what Specter would put forward as an "alternative" theory if he would even dare mention that. Of course, he never will.

I don't know if I mentioned to you but Vince Labmar (who has written about possible Secret Service complicity) once sent me a video tape in which Specter told an audience that it wasn't necessary to hold to the "single bullet theory" as a must. But, lawyer that he is, & with his past sorry record with the Warren Commission he didn't provide an alternative then either (the video was made in 1995 & I took notes of what he stated - if you need them, I'll look them up for you.

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An interesting test for a class on the JFK assassination (were I still running it) would be: provide us with an alternative to the Specter theory that still maintains a 3-bullet scenario). Or am I asking for another impossible scenario besides the "single bullet theory"??!

Confronting Specter with these "scenarios" would make quite a spectacle, indeed - don't you think?

If you received Fitzer's latest book you'll note that Aguilar is part of his output. Aguilar makes no comment at all (about Z-film allusion) that I could see but anyone not that familiar with the case might conclude that since Aguilar is sandwiched in between Fitzer, White and Mantik what other conclusion could one draw that, in effect, Aguilar appears to be in accordance with the allusion nonsense.

By the way Aguilar has not spoken with me or ~~is~~ called me since he last expressed (on the phone) that he was of the thinking: ("are you with the FBI?"). I've not called him either so that is where it stands.

Well, that is all I can say for now.

Have you heard anything from David Wronet? How his book is doing? The last time I heard from him he said the book would be out in January but I've heard no more.

Best,  
Hal