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Dear Mr. Germano:

Your question is both a simple one and a complex one. Of course, as you suspect I do have much information on the assassination, but the way to use the information is another question. Much of it requires explanations and additional study to make clear. Much of it also addresses specific points within the assassination that would make no larger sense in terms of a paper.

I suggest that you approach your paper much differently than look for sources merely. I suggest you take a simple point within the larger configuration of the subject, address it, draw conclusions, and be satisfied that you will not be definitive or even come to a major conclusion or finding.

The subject is such that you must spend several years to master it.

Beware of any book that purports to tell you who shot JFK and avoid the ministering wiles of the movie JFK which is lies told as truth.--all of it.

I suggest you begin by stating that a proper question exists on what happened to JFK. That this is a proper issue to tackle because he is President of the most powerful country in the world, etc.

Then state briefly what the official findings of the Warren Commission were, This you find out from the Warren Report now in libraries and also in two new editions at book stores. Basically state Oswald alone and unaided for personal reasons fired three shots and only three, one missed, one wounded, and one killed. No conspiracy operated.

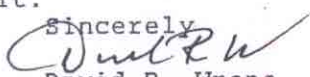
Then go over the problems with that scenario. Go over the problems with witnesses, with contemporary movies, with ballistics, etc. These you will find in Weisberg, Whitewash I and II and III, in his Post Mortem; go over Sylvia Meagher's Accessory After the Fact for additional data, Go over H. Roffman's Presumed Guilty and the video (not the book) Reasonable Doubt. Then, draw a conclusion that does not attempt to solve the world's greatest crime in a high school term paper, but rather carefully states that on the basis of the information you have marshalled it appears the facts as critically examined do not sustain the official investigation.

Do not try to say who shot JFK for you do not have the time and space to make even a reasonable approach to the question let alone the answer and moreover that is not what is at issue. What is at issue is that we did not find out who shot him. Who did shoot him we do not know either.

I have a bibliography published on the subject that should be found in any major library. It is thick.

If you heed my advice you will find your experience to be invaluable. Later on in life and perhaps in this semester you can read on the question more, but stick to the simple, the clear, and the imperative: seek to know the facts and not chase the moonbeams of who did it.

Sincerely,


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