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Dear Richard,

Having neither seen nor heard of any promotions for Selections and not having been asked about any I started thinking of some the other day. Like talk shows that have always been interested in the JFK assassination that could air me by phone. Like WBAI in New York and MGO and Pacifica stations on the west coast. Then I started thinking of an article that could also help the coming books. What is new, not known, with documents in the event a magazine could be interested in using some of the documents in facsimile. I thought of what I think can make an interesting if not exciting story if a magazine can be interested in it, that at least two of the members of the Warren Commission were absolutely opposed to the single-bullet theory without which there could not have been the lone-assassin official mythology of the Warren Report.

Warr Russell and Cooper to the day they died never abandoned their firm opposition to the single-bullet theory and I have the documents from the records they left to prove it.

These include the statement Russell prepared in advance to make at the Commission executive session he forced on September 18, 1964. Rankin at the least and likely with others knowing of it arranged for no court reporter to be there. He then had a phony "transcript" prepared. It makes no mention of what Russell said, no mention of any opposition to the single-bullet theory, no discussion of any compromise worked out.

He memory-holed it all!

I did use that phony transcript in Whitewash IV, but few people are aware of that.

I have the Commission's records of its court-reporting services that nobody ever paid any attention to. Nothing ^{was} arranged for that executive session. I also have the records of the court-reporting firm. Clearly no transcript and no court reporter. And nobody else has them, *these records.*

I did not steal them and they were not stolen for me. But how I got them has to be kept secret.

shorthand I knew that firm well. I worked with it for years when I was a ⁽¹⁹³⁶⁻⁹⁾ Senate editor. The court reporter who took most of these hearings was the uncle of Andre Previn, Art Previn. The firm is Ward & Paul, an old one. I was of much help to it then. The then office manager was Wayne Birdsell. He also knew me well and how I'd helped them and made money for them. He gave copies of those records to me through someone else I sent to him.

I think how the whole thing was contrived, with the dissenting Members being denied their expression of disagreement for the record for history, how they were gulled into what was not a compromise but was the exact opposite, what it meant and means - all the incredible dishonesty to phony up a false solution to a Presidential assassination -

documented and for all practical purposes entirely new- should be exciting to most readers and should appeal to some major magazine. I'd like to think the New York Review of Books might be interested.

It is not just another assassination story. It is on much too high a level I've finished an unregad rough draft. I'll let w reading and correcting it wait a little while so I may miss fewer of my typos and perhaps be more sensitive with it not as clear in mind as it now is.

I've already thought of something I should not have forgotten: that after I put the proof in Russell's hand he broke his long relationship with Lyndon Johnson.

I think you should know my sources, as should anyone to whom you may speak. Only Birdsell ^{has} is to be confidential.

Aside from the Commission records all others ignored on this they are the Russell archive at the University of Georgia, at Athens, and the Cooper archive at the University of Kentucky at Louisville.

As you may remember, when Gerard ("Chip") Selby was working on his master's thesis in communications at Maryland he ~~as~~ was here often and we became friends. Because his thesis, which became the prize-winning documentary "Reasonable Doubt", was on the single bullet theory I told him all about my relationship with Russell and about what nobody knew, as you may remember from NEVER AGAIN!, the Army's top expert on wounds when VIPs were shot, Dr. Charles Dolce. I told him where to find Dolce, he did, Dolce agreed to the long interview you've read about in the book, and about the Russell Archives. Chip decided to omit the Russell stuff and to get back to it later. He went there, made some copies, and gave me copies of what he copied. They all have the University's copyright on them. Chip never got back to doing more on the subject.

William Neichter is a dear friend, a Louisville lawyer and a Cooper fan. He has been doing all he can to increase the ^{major} Cooper archive at that university and he has a good relationship with the people there. He sent me the Cooper archive stuff.

Not anticipating this and with so little space in my office, I have my Cooper stuff in the basement and I avoid those stairs as much as I can, from need. But I gave Jerry McKnight copies and he will lend them back to me. This is what I refer to above that is missing from the rough draft. ^(added later) It includes as vigorous a disagreement as Russell's with the single-bullet theory and a record of it he made for our history.

This is so you can think about it, perhaps discuss it with others, including Charlie Winton because it should help promote Case Open. I'll send him a copy in the event he may have some ideas.

As of now I plan no rewriting or cutting of this draft. If there is any interest, that would, of course, influence any rewriting. I'll just after a few days read and correct what I have on paper. I hope you see the potential as I do! Best,

Harold