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Dear Peter,

I write you in haste and in some excitement to get your opinion on how to handle something of great importance in and to NEVER AGAIN! I am as alert as I ever am not but from the excitement and because I'm a little dis^{com}forted from minor surgery on a foot and an infection, which can mean more to me than to most, I cannot make my mind up on how best to handle it. I'll be leaving soon for a couple of medical appointments and I want to mail this when I do so you can have it Monday morning and perhaps give me your thoughts.

In short, I now have the testimony of the JFK assassination radiologist to the medical panel of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. He ~~says~~ confirms, from having been there, that Dr. Humes phoned Dr. Perry in Dallas between 10 and 11 p.m. the night of the autopsy and then was told by Perry of the wound in the front of the President's neck. ^{Humes} His story is that he did not learn until the next day when he for the first time spoke to Perry. And Perry had already made the public statement three times at the White House press conference, which was the first of the LBJ administration and was reported on the Wash. Post's earliest edition, out some time before that call and to which he refers in his autopsy protocol, that the President's anterior neck wound was from the front.

There just is no question at all now, from inside that autopsy room, of what I have in the book from outside of it that they knew before they completed the examination of the body that the Dallas doctors, before the tracheostomy through it, identified that wound as from the front. And that alone proves there was a conspiracy and that Oswald could not have fired that shot.

There is also the firm, unequivocal and repeated statement that there was no interference with or limitation on the autopsy by the family or by anyone else outside the military. I hope you remember the significance of this as it relates to what I wrote, particularly about Mr. Pierre Finck.

Parenthetically, and I do not intend to use this, it may interest you to know that contrary to what you may have read in a relatively recent book, this extended to the adrenals. No interference. That was asked and answered and this is the man who took the X-rays who is one who would have been ordered and he says he wasn't.

I see these choices. A footnote can be added at two places, copy can be written at greater length and be inserted instead of notes, or an or should I say another Afterword can be written. Were it not for the length of the book now I'd strongly favor this for a number of reasons of which one is that it is more dramatic and permits more and better treatment of what has a number of importances. Not the least of which

is the deliberate dishonesty of the House assassins in suppressing this from their report and if my recollection is correct, suppression of it by that panel in its report and the withholding of the truth until it was required by that 1992 law to disclose all. It is, I think, very powerful and new and perhaps the most powerful indictment of those House assassins.

For the record for history I keep all such things as I receive them. In reading this I've indicated the pages I'll copy when I can for use, with my original ~~pristine~~ pristine. I'll work from the copies I'll make. (There were so many references to that lied-about phone call to Perry that I stopped indicating pages with references to it for copying.)

Oh, yes, Dr. Michael ^{n/}Bade, to whom I give some pointed attention in the book, also suppressed this information from his book, too. And that should be mentioned.

While it would add a little to length, perhaps consideration might be given to using, perhaps in the text, photocopies of the transcript. Instead of my text that I'd write.

I favor the Afterword as of now and I would like your opinion, with all considerations in your mind. But I'm not inflexible on this. I merely think it would make an extraordinarily powerful and definitive book more so. "After this book was written I obtained ~~xxxxx~~ the long -suppressed official truth"

This transcript, available in Washington and ignored by all the so-called experts on the subject, especially those researching those newly-disclosed records, was sent to me by a doctor friend on the other side of the country, San Francisco. It bears the markings of The National Archives on each page. And it identifies each of the House assassins staff members who were present along with their medical panel.

All of whom are and have been guilty of that awful crime of silence.

That this confirms what the book, written long before its availability, had already said, that makes it a powerful endorsement of the book, too, I think. And I also think it is the kind of thing that can attract much attention if the media pays any attention at all as, I believe, with help, it would.

The next transcript, which I've not yet looked at and will start after I have this ready for mailing, is of the testimony of Dr. Pierre Finck. I won't even think of writing anything until after that and I have a full day after I'm home so I do not expect to finish studying that fink, Finck, today.

Of course I'm pleased that none of this requires the change of a single word in the book so long before it was available.

If as I hope we go for the Afterword, you'll be able to cut it. I've just thought of something powerful in itself as an indictment of the House assassins. Included in what this doctor sent me is ^{memo of} a House assassins staffer, the one in charge of this new testimony, report on his conversation with me. ^{long} Before this panel's session. I urged him

to study Post Mortem, he says, and in that book I had written, with the best of sources, what this testimony confirms. So, if they had done that-and they had that book-they would have known in advance of all of this. If they did read it, and I believe they did, then their guilt is even greater. And what they should have used from it is in NEVER AGAIN! so long before this transcript was forced from its official suppression.

By the way, the radiologist was not called as a witness by the Warren Commission.

When means that Arlen Specter did not take his sworn testimony when that was so important for that Commission in its deliberations and in its report.

550 sworn testimonies and not him!

26 volumes, some 10,000,000 words, and not a word from him!

I should have noted above that this proves also that the only interference with the autopsy had to have been by the military.

Best,
Herold