

Dear Dick,

2/10/92

We are both OK, for us, now, but yesterday I had the third transitory eschemia in the past six months and it left me more tired and uneasy. Save for a return of back trouble from a 1939 accident and the lingering uneasiness I'm about as I have been. Forced to abandon my usual early-morning routine by more extreme cold I was thinking about what I've been working on despite the rather numerous interruptions and the continuing crack-
ing of my fingertips. While I see problems with it, and having read and corrected none of it, I think it can be acceptable to a magazine that can use lengthy articles and I think it has new and significant content. I've mislaid the note I made of the agent whose name you gave me. I'd appreciate it if it makes no problems for you if you'd phone and ask her if she'd represent the kind of article I'll describe.

The end of last month, stung by reaction to Stone's movie, all the surviving counsels of the Warren Commission orchestrated coast-to-coast press conferences and a statement on which they all agreed to proclaim their purity, innocence and the viability of their work.

What they say is false, self-serving and aside from defending themselves is calculated to defend the official mythology. What I'm writing is rather outrageous examples of the truth about what they did and did not do. To virtually all readers it will be entirely new, factual and documented.

I begin with those who held press conferences and work in some of the actualities of what the others did. I can't begin to give you the details of what is already about 7,000 words. Aside from the quality of the writing or the lack of quality under the circumstances of my writing it but I do assure you that the content will be startling to almost all readers, including the media.

I'm building up to Arlen Specter for two reasons, possibly more, but essentially because he is the father of the bastard theory on which the entire Warren Report rests and because what I'll be saying can have current topicality and probably significance because he is running for re-election already beset with problems from his abuses of Anita Hill. It will be devastating on him as it is and will be on the others. I think shocking and sensational.

I realize that the length is already too great for most potential uses but it can be cut, if necessary, and I agree in advance to all changes that do not alter the facts. I'll not be able to edit and cut it myself. I began writing 1/31 and still have not been able to finish it. Depending on the week's developments and how I am I hope to finish the writing tomorrow. If I do not I'll not be able to return to it until next week. I have the usual blood tests and physical therapy later this morning, I'll have to drive into town to ship several orders by UPS, tomorrow I hope to be able to reschedule Wednesday's p.t. and I have another medical appointment, and Wednesday I have my monthly trip to Johns Hopkins for the injections intended to avoid another prostate surgery, and Wednesday evening

another writer, Gerald Posner, will be here for the rest of the week with his wife for help on a book he is writing.

If I am able to complete the draft before he and his wife get here there is little prospect of my reading and correcting what I've written this week. I'll not try to do more than read and correct.

I wish it were possible to convey more of what I'm doing but that is not practical, so I ask you to believe that the content is almost entirely new, absolutely solid and significant, and I'll attach enough documentation to assure any magazine that it is what I say and means what I think it means - a solid refutation of the official mythology and an exposure of the culpability of all the counsels in making it up despite the disproofs they had.

As an example, Senator Russell, a member of the Commission, was in 100% agreement with my total destruction of the Specter creation, the single-bullet or magic-bullet theory. I now have this from his own records. So, the article will include the fact that a member of the Commission itself disagreed with its basis and to his dying day encouraged my criticisms of the report. Another member, Senator John Sherman Cooper, agreed with Russell. I have already written how J. Lee Rankin, general counsel and one of the signatories, foiled Russell's record of his disagreement for history by staging a phony executive session for which there is no transcript, Rankin not having the court reporter present, as Russell ~~believed~~ believed and as was the regular practise.

While when he knew he was about to die Russell went public, that is little known and even less recalled today.

If this and what you know about me is enough for you to speak to the agent you suggested I write ~~me~~ I hope you will.

When I have ~~fin~~ finished I'll send it to you unless you tell me not to.

Thanks and my apologies to David for not being able to return to what I was writing for him. It has been an intense period. I hope there will be no more media interruptions for a while so I can do a few other things!

Thanks and best to you all,

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2/12. While there were no significant[†] media interruptions, there were many substitutions for them and I've not been able to resume the writing.

When I raised the matter[†] of the third transitory ischemia with the family doctor he referred me to the local cardiologist. He squeezed me in yesterday. After the EKG and listening to what I told him I asked him about a neurological consultation and he said I'd read his mind. He agreed that it probably is transitory ischemia, insufficient blood to the head, and made an appointment for me with the local neurologist to whom Lil is going. He would not see me without reference by another doctor. This is for next week.

The cardiologist thinks he'll make some tests, non-invasive, of arteries in my neck. If anything else he did not tell me. I'd already raised the question of my sleep disturbance. If he did not include that I will.

What is odd is that for the first time he was warm and friendly. I believe I have Oliver Stone to thank for that. He asked me what the story of the JFK assassination is, for the first time, and he told me he knew, how I did not ask, that I am responsible for the exposure of Stone's intent and purposes.

I've heard nothing further from Posner so I assume he'll be here ^{today} not long after I return from Hopkins and will be here for the rest of the week. Unless he has to change his plans I'll have no time for any more writing this week. I may accumulate orders to be filled and that means packaging time. Again I could not get all in the large mailbox this morning. (I think the increase in bookstore orders are in part attributable to the commotion over Stone.)

As of now, assuming Posner is on schedule, I should be able to complete the draft next week. If he is delayed, there is a chance I can do that this week.

During the last writing I did, when I referred to these counsels as "honorable men," in the sense of Marc Antony's speech, I realized that is there is any such interest this could easily make a topical and entirely different assassination book. With the title "Honorable Men."

This would mean including a few more counsels, perhaps all, and adding to what I've done and have in mind. There could be an entire chapter on Specter. The ancillary uses when he is in his re-election campaign exist and the book itself should be able to expect considerable Pennsylvania sale.

With documents, ^{and} pictures included.

It could destroy what remains of the Warren report and his political career with it. Especially with the anger of women he has earned. There could be a book on him alone an "Honorable Man."