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AN OPEN LETTER TO G. ROBERT BLAKEY

Dear Mr. Blakey,

At the outset, let me inform you that many copies of this letter are being sent all across this country to fellow long-time researchers, radio and TV stations I have appeared on as guest expert on the JFK assassination, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, and also to many people across this country who still write me inquiring as to the mammoth coverup of evidence perpetrated by the HSCOA and especially by yourself.

When I recently spoke to you by phone on August 21, 1982, I asked you several questions, among them the following, and your answers: 1- Jim Garrison, former New Orleans District Attorney, now Judge, told me in 1978, that a team of 5 investigators headed by Clifford Fenton were sent to Garrison's office in New Orleans and also to Clinton, Louisiana on several occasions and that, among other things, they secured tape-recorded conversations in which the assassination of President Kennedy was being discussed by, among others, voices identified as being contract employees of the Central Intelligence Agency, and that those tapes had been turned over to the HSCOA (yourself included). Your answer to me was that that information was not true, implying that Mr. Garrison was lying. No, Mr. Blakey, it is you who is lying about this crucial information. YOU suppressed it.

2- I asked you why you allowed the infamous "Non-Disclosure Agreement" to be forced to be signed by everyone who served in any capacity on the Committee, and I told you that, since it was undoubtedly a CIA/FBI document, that that resulted in the ABSOLUTE TAKEOVER of that Committee by the very agencies which The Church Committee, in 1976, concluded, at the very highest levels of each agency, LIED to the Warren Commission, MISLEAD the Warren Commission, and failed to provide much crucial information to the Warren Commission. Your answer was that the CIA and FBI DID NOT issue that secrecy oath but that the members of Congress who comprised the HSCOA issued it. That was another LIE by yourself to me. I have obtained a complete copy of that document and it is, beyond question, a CIA/FBI document.

3- I asked you why the most brilliant and expert Forensic Pathologist in this country, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's testimony, given in open public hearings before you and the Committee, was not believed and relied upon. Your answer to this was simply the following, and I quote you, Because Wecht was WRONG. I wonder on what basis you were able to make that judgment and evaluation, since, in ANY TRUTHFUL INVESTIGATION, the VERY BEST expert/s should be relied upon. Wouldn't a more truthful answer by yourself have been that Dr. Wecht's testimony, if believed and relied upon, totally destroyed the Warren Report's, and ultimately the HSCOA conclusions that all the shots which were fired ~~that~~ that day which struck the president and Governor Connally were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald and him alone?

I will now ask you the following questions which are imperative:

1) Since it is a fact that the Committee and you summoned and called to appear before the Committee ten researchers/critics of the Warren Report, why did you exclude the two most prodigious compilers of the public data on the two murders under investigation? I refer to Mae Brussel, who has accumulated the largest PRINTED files on these cases, and I refer to myself as well. I have compiled what is acknowledged to be undoubtedly the largest, chronologically listed, tape-recorded library in the world relating to the JFK assassination, beginning 14 minutes after the first bulletin was announced that shots had been fired at President Kennedy in Dallas, and continuing to the present time. If you'll recall, one of the investigators you fired, Donovan Gay, told you I was willing to provide you and the Committee with very important tape copies and, if you'll also recall, I spoke to you on the phone about this very soon after you became Chief Counsel. You refused to tell me why you did not want to secure my tapes (approximately 4,000 hours at the time), or why I was not included among the other researchers to appear before your Committee.

2) Since it is a fact that about one hour after JFK was pronounced dead, Doctors Malcolm Perry and James McClelland held a press conference at Parkland Hospital. Dr. Perry stated that the wound in the front of JFK's neck was AN ENTRANCE WOUND. Dr. McClelland stated that the

cause of death was the result of "A BULLET WOUND OF THE RIGHT TEMPLE." Why didn't you call these two doctors to testify before your Committee?

3) Since it is a fact that TWO-THIRDS of the witnesses in Dealy Plaza stated that at least one shot had been fired from behind a wooden fence atop a grassy knoll situated to the right-front of the presidential limousine, why weren't these witnesses who are still alive never called to testify before your Committee, especially a woman named Jeanne Hill who stated to a reporter at the scene at 3:09 p.m. the following: "Mary (Moorman) started to take the picture as the president became right even with us. Three shots- we looked at him and he was looking at the middle of the street-three shots rang out and he grabbed his chest- and a look of pain on his face and fell across towards Jackie and she-uh-fell over him and said, My God, he's shot." And-uh- there was an interval and then three or four more shots rang out." (Question by reporter) "Did you see the person who- who fired the..." (Answer) "No, I didn't see any person fire the weapon." (Question) "You only heard it?" (Answer) "I only heard it and I looked up and SAW A MAN RUNNING ALONG THE TOP OF THE HILL." P.S. I have this on tape-recording from NBC TV.

4) Since it is a self-admitted fact that pathologist Commander James J. Humes "destroyed by burning in my fireplace certain preliminary draft notes relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy", why is it that when he was questioned about this before your Committee, you blindly accepted his feeble (and obviously untrue) explanation that he did this because "There were smudges of blood on this paper (notes). Why wasn't he questioned further about this in a more probing fashion?"

5) Why was it necessary to, at the last moment, concede to the fact that at least one shot had been fired from the grassy knoll area (based on the acoustic evidence), when the photographic evidence supplied to you and the Committee by, among others, Richard E. Sprague and Robert Groden PROVES BEYOND QUESTION that at least one shot emanated from that exact area? And on what possible basis did your Final Report state and conclude that the shot fired from the knoll missed the president when the photographic evidence ALONE proves the contrary?

6) Why wasn't the information contained in the following books relied upon and further investigated in all aspects:

- a) "Rush To Judgment" by Mark Lane.
- b) "Accessories After The Fact" by Sylvia Meagher.
- c) The "Whitewash" series of books by Harold Weisberg.
- d) "Six Seconds In Dallas" by Josiah Thompson. (In this book,

Mr. Thompson proves conclusively that the violent backward and to the left movement of JFK's head and body was entirely too fast to be attributed to any "neuromuscular spasm" that has continually been asserted by the Warren Report apologists. To refuse to accept Mr. Thompson's expert analysis is also tantamount to a refusal to accept the validity of Newton's second law of motion, i.e. CAUSE AND EFFECT.)

e) As did the Warren Commission, you and your Committee completely accepted the veracity of the SINGLE BULLET THEORY. Why didn't you and the Committee attempt to attempt to duplicate identical conditions using simulated bones and flesh comparable to those which were penetrated by (allegedly) Warren Commission exhibit #399 (the so-called Magic Bullet) to determine if ANY BULLET would remain in the almost pristine condition as #399?

f) Since it is a fact that NOONE, including riflemen rated as MASTER by the FBI have ever been able to accomplish the feat of marksmanship attributed to Oswald, (3 shots with 2 hits in 5.6 seconds), and since it is also a fact that in his last and final shooting tests while serving in the Marine Corps, Oswald, Marine records stated, that he was regarded as A RATHER POOR SHOT. How was it possible for you and the Committee, as did the Warren Commission before you, to reconcile these two aspects truthfully?

g) Why weren't the following persons (who we feel had a vast amount of information to give relating to the JFK assassination) called to testify before your Committee: E. Howard Hunt, Richard Helms, James Angleton, Gerald Ford and, of course, why wasn't Jim Garrison called either, among several others?

g) Why did you deny Mark Lane the right to represent Jerry Ray before your Committee, calling it a "conflict of interest" if he did so. When, in fact, the REAL conflict of interest is your appointment to be Chief Counsel, since it is a fact that you are represented by your personal attorney, Louis Nizer, who has been, and remains, one of the staunchest defenders of the Warren Report's conclusions, as he himself stated/wrote in an early edition preface to the Report.

h) Isn't it odd that although the CIA controlled News Media combined to completely discredit your predecessor as Chief Counsel, Richard A. Sprague, which ultimately led to his being forced to resign, isn't it odd that not one faction of that same media ever found or published anything at all derogatory about you during the entire time you were the

Chief Counsel? They were very happy to have you there serving in that most important capacity, weren't they?

In conclusion, let me state my opinion, shared by many, that you are unquestionably A COVERUP ARTIST without equal. In view of what is written here and also the fact that, as you yourself told me on the phone, the testimony taken in Executive Sessions is being suppressed from the citizens of this country for 50 years, at least, it is odiously clear that the COVERUP of the factual evidence by you and the HSCOA far surpasses the original one perpetrated by the Warren Commission in 1964. It took us researchers/critics many years to convince over 90 per cent of the people of the complete fraudulence and inaccuracies of the Warren Report's conclusions. It may very well take a considerable amount of time to completely reveal your COMPLETE coverup as well, but other researchers and historians will follow us in the future. They also will be dissatisfied with what you and the HSCOA have perpetrated, and I feel confident that this will come to pass eventually because, as Martin Luther King used to oftentimes say, "The truth, though crushed to the earth, will rise again." As I've previously mentioned, copies of this letter are in the process of being sent to many people and organizations throughout this country. I can well imagine that you will be receiving a lot of mail in the very near future. Although I think it is safe to say that as you will not, and in fact CANNOT answer me truthfully as to the questions and charges I have here submitted to you, I feel equally certain that you will not answer the many letters you will be receiving soon on this subject. I would personally LOVE to debate this issue with you in any public forum you may choose to do so in. But, alas, I'm being a bit naive, aren't I? You'll not do that either. So, I'll simply close by saying that eventually, despite your efforts to the contrary, THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

Contemptuously yours,

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