

Dear Madeline Goddard,

7/16/76

It has been a long and tiring day for me so I hope you'll understand if I do not respond to all in your letter of the 13th. I've been at it for 15 hours now and do feel it. Most of the work was on law suits that have been remarkably successful if not reported. (I also am not looking for attention for them at this juncture and in fact now prefer public silence so they can ripen better.)

I was not aware that Wash Monthly took an ad for the Morrow fakery. If you can spare a copy I'd like it as a matter of record only.

Roger Craig: my recollection is substantially as you report it. Rita did call me several times and clearly in distress. I do have a Dallas friend who did some checking and I did report back to Rita. I am not now clear on the fine points but I do not for a minute believe Rita would be untruthful. However, there is another Roger story you should know. He was interested in a married woman whose marriage was on the rocks. He was visiting her at the home of her daughter when there was a knock on the door. Roger answered and was shot (shotgun) by the irate husband. Roger pretended he did not recognize his assailant. He lost the use of that arm entirely. However, I have no reason to believe he lost the use of both arms, and both legs and feet. You can shoot yourself with a rifle using a toe on the trigger. What I'm saying is that while I do not know what did happen I can conceive of no reason for anyone wanting to kill Roger that can have any relationship to the JFK cases except in paranoia. The Penn part is strange, but so is Penn, as it took me too long to realize.

I have neither heard of nor read about the Dallas indictment. I can't believe that there could have been a Marina-Nixon connection of any kind. All Marina required was the spook cagrot-sticks do what we want (and we'll pay you well) or get deported back to Russia. No more was needed. And I know of no reason for her to have been counterfeited. If one follows all these theories that when analyzed serve no essential purpose one keeps going in concentric circles. If you are not familiar with the basic concept of that English philosopher, perhaps it might mean something if you read the novel, Occam's Razor.

These people who rip off the minds and pretend to be what they are not, experts, torment those of decent and sincere concern. But they manage always to deal with what if it were real would be peripheral. I wish you could see this. You'd be easier in heart and mind.

Thus because they pretended and you were not in a position to evaluate I do not lament the passing of The Tatler. Terrible people who were at their best when they were only crooks. They fabricated and deceived concerned people.

If I did not tell you, I deposited your check to keep clean records and my wife then sent ours in that amount to Jim Lesar to apply to costs on the three currently-active suits. The xeroxing and transcript bills have been fantastic, so we do, very much, appreciate the help. We build solid and detailed court records. And if we order a transcript before the government does it comes to \$1.50 a page. If they do it first, even 50¢ mounts up. So you were helpful and we do appreciate it.

My best,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg—

Strange that neither Garrison's office nor any other persons or groups concerned with the assassination seems to have known about Perry Russo's death. I can understand, though, that no one would want to get involved, and simply reporting it to Garrison would involve a person. It reflects pretty badly on the CIA that Moraw should know about it— for it seems to me that it must be true.

I trust you won't regret getting the Moraw book. Fake yes, but an important effort. Did you see the David Williams' review of it in the June "People and the Pursuit of Truth"? He, too, finds it important and counsels caution "lest we too quickly embrace Moraw's account as vindication of Garrison." Moraw seems to have considerable entrée in Washington and is, Williams writes, consulting with some Congressional aides in hope of sparking some action.

Before leaving this silly book I should add a couple of points.

Acc. to Midlothian Mirror of June 1, '67, Rose Cherami was 40 in 1963. How could she have been a convincing stand-in for Marina!! A long time ago—1967—Joosten wrote in Oswald The Truth p. 79 "Evidently the plotters had at their disposal a young woman who looked even more like

Having then her "husband" looked like Lee Harvey (History, since then, has tragically revealed the identity of this hapless woman, but this is a matter of such consequence that I propose to explore it in another book at a later date)" Josten also thinks Ruby planted the stretch bullet (Oswald The Trill p.119) This is part of Harrow's "reconstruction."

Another point: On that alleged shot from the roof of the Criminal Courts Bldg., one would have to climb up to that set-back upper roof to determine whether or not the assassination site was visible from this point.

I note there's a half-page ad for "Betrayed" in the current Washington Monthly (Tom Bethell one of the editors) Only assassination-book ad I've ever seen in this journal.

Roger Craig's wife recently phoned and wrote me. I learned that she's been happily married for about a year to Jerry Hahn, vice-president of a Dallas bank - I'm very glad for her. She says she wonders about Roger's death and doubts his physical capacity to accomplish the shot. And she told me a strange story - She said that a week before Roger Craig's death Penn Jones told Rita Musgrove that Roger was dead. Rita, apparently, got in touch with you. You contacted someone in Dallas who said Roger was alive and you - or someone - relayed this word to Rita. Is this true? Pretty damn strange! Where did Penn get the idea?

I wonder if you have read or heard about a recent indict-

Holly asked me if I could give her your address - I'll send it to her.

ment in Dallas, involving a Bahamas bank, a silver fraud, Richard Nixon, and a '63-'64 offer to Marina Oswald? A rather tucked-away article appeared in the financial pages of NYTimes for July 10. I'll write you about it if you missed it and would like me to.

Not surprisingly - but alas - The National Tattler seems to have gone under.

My best,

Madeline Jordan