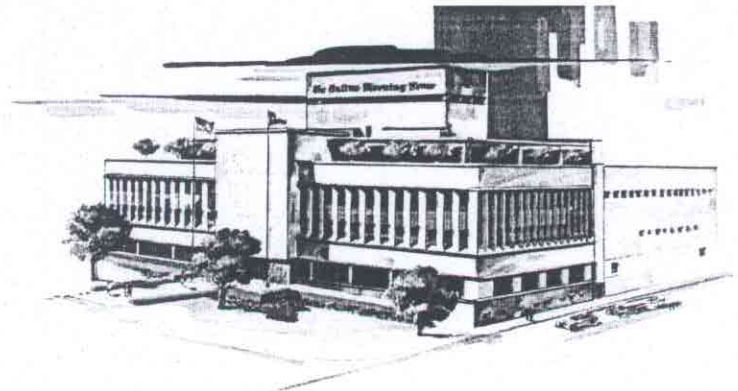


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Dear Harold,

Your film finally arrived from FBI. I guess a year is about par for FOI at the Bureau.

I also have enclosed a copy of the Hosty article which I thought might interest you. I no more believe that Kostikov and Oswald had something going than you do, but I do believe the FBI made a mad scramble to cover up what they viewed as embarrassing to themselves.

That's why I think the Hosty article is a valuable insight into the FBI's culpability in handling the assassination investigation. How many other issues were secretly buried because they were politically sensitive?

Yours truly,

Earl

Dear Earl,

1/28/91

If I forgot to thank you for the replacement of the Doyle film, I'm sorry.

I've finished reading the Lifton book. It is bad, will do much personal harm, and will further undermine the credibility of all legitimate criticism.

If you wrote or will write on it and the Blakey book, I'd appreciate copies.

There is nothing new that is factual in the Lifton book. His interviews lack credibility and frequently are with people the rest of whose statements are demonstrably wrong. The gate, for example, was locked, so there is no chance that a second ambulance/hearse could have snuck through it with the corpse. I have a neighbor who was there-then.

His basic theory is destroyed by the known fact. He avoided that fact throughout the overly-long self-promotion.

If you could check your morgue I'd appreciate a xerox of the picture(s) of the LBJ swearing in, with the lefts-to-rights more important than the pix. It is in Manchester, but he is not dependable.

I will be getting more Dallas records. I don't know when. Some are now overdue. These are reprocessed national security claims, where I've prevailed on about 1/4-1/3. The rest are to be reviewed.

I'll be getting more Hosty and deMottenschildt records, too.

I will go over them as I get them. If you'd like any of your Washington people to do this, they are welcome to and can make copies here. Otherwise I'll try to think of what might interest you.

This is in C.A. 78-0322, where I won another remand from the appeals court and have some successes on the administrative level.

Please excuse the haste and the typos. I've been kept busy, in what time I've been able to work, with litigation and affidavits. Now I have to get ready for a ride to the Washington hospital, where I was operated on, for a checkup.

Best to everyone,