

Dear Mr. Griffith,

6/10/75

I found your letter of the 6th informative and interesting and requiring explanations. What you say is promising, too. However, I think we have better reach some understandings. If you have any questions, please ask them. The years have taught me much that I'd rather not have had to learn and remember.

However, until there is persuasive reason to the contrary, I begin with trust in everyone. This can be a fault. It is mine. So, I trust you.

But unless I draw upon this experience and communicate it to you, you are handicapped and you cannot understand me and what has come to diminate me and my thinking and actions.

The conditions of my life are such that I was interrupted four times in reading your letter. This was not too bad because from tje length I knew I'd not be able to respond in full so as I read it ~~xxx~~ I marked it up.

There are today very few in the field with whom I deal openly and in whom I have trust. I stay away from those who have achieved most attention because the best of them see to be in it for the attention only. I know some of those you may respect to be amoral and unethical. Others are plain nuts.

You may have no reason to take my judgement on this and all I can tell you is that in each case it comes from painful, often costly personal experience.

Most of the well-known ones do not even have a command of the basic and uncontradict established fact. They are essentially promoters and to them fact is irrelevant. There are others who consider it a worthwhile accomplishment to do no more than what can embarrass the government. This is anathema to be and of no real value.

So, with the brief explanation and as I am about to have to suspend to get the beginning of the electronic reporting of the Rockefeller Commission report, I will want it understood that this will be between us except with my prior approval. There are too many who are not friends with fact and are loose with tonagues and words. They have done nothing good to date and much har. I, and what I can tell or send you must be detached from these people. Otherwise I can t go into this.

But as you will see, I will be informing you without this assurance. From your letter I see no problem in this for you. If there is, please let me know promptly.

Penn is a great little guy who is paranoid as hell and entirely out of his depth. When I broke up what would have been a disaster for all of us, one of Garrison's most irrational plans, to Penn I became a CIA agent. Metnion me and you are cursed with him and with the others down there, the others for additional reasons having to do with slavery to momeyed people regardless of how they behave.

I have not seen the account you mention. If I'm inclined to doubt it, I'd like to know.

The FBI's interest in you when you were interested in the text interests me. Have you any proof? Remember the date, names, etc? Had you talked to anyone about this earlier? Could they have thought you planned some kind of job?

Was there a special reason for picking out Detrick of all the posts within not much more than an hour for the M16 demonstration? It is chemical, not ballistics in any way. By chopper Aberdeen is within minutes of the same time. Belvoir is closer and well equipped for this kind of demonstration. The closest edge of Detrick is only a half-mile from here. The main part is 3-4 miles.

Maybe Penn now has the police and sheriff's connections you say. I have reason to believe that Roger Craig supplied these in the past.

On Connally's wounds it is best to read the testimony of the doctors. Do not forget Shires, who was not called to DC. Id oes seem possible that he had a through-and-through wound. I believe the thigh fragment is a fragment and never was any more. But it has some energy behind it. Not from 399.

It is not easy to reconcile what I know of the JFK wounds with what you say except as perhaps from a second head shot. There seems to have been the coning typical of an entry wound in the back of the head, larger in diameter than what I'd expect from

what you say. I can help you more, which can help me or my thinking but I have to ask an unusual promise of you: that you not discuss it with others. The number who are rational on this to begin with is small and almost nobody has done enough work to be careful and to understand and to be trusted not to go off half-cocked with what I'm sure will be in the Rockefeller Report and will hurt us all. If you will agree, I'll send you a non-secret document that with extremely careful reading will be helpful. I've done my writing on it, do not expect to add to it, and my precautions are no more than that, the precautions painful experience dictates.

The dust-like particles are in the brain, near the front.

Shaw's death was not sudden. He lingered for a year. Ruby was sick in the head to begin with, before any of this. I don't think there is anything abnormal except the time it took to get him to the hospital where it would have made no difference anyhow. He did suddenly start looking bad. I was with Elmer Gertz when Gertz returned from the funeral, in Chicago.

I know the Shari Angel-Kathy-Kay story. The feds were looking for Kay. I think I have that story. I get them from Dallas only rarely. Kay British, illegally in the US.

I was in Dallas the day Walthers got shot. If you have the details you suggest in any solid form I'd appreciate them. This is the second time I've heard that account. The official one was hard to believe. The escapee was lying in bed naked with a woman. And then disarmed Walthers, with another armed deputy present?

I have been able to print no books not on the new list. If you want any I'll trust you for those you can't pay for. Reading them may help you.

Please excuse the typos. The press here is great. Thanks,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Perhaps I should have told you something about myself. I am 35 years old, married, have three children and my wife is expecting another. I am no expert at anything (in the legal sense of the term), however, I read incessantly and consider myself qualified to engage in an intelligent conversation in many fields. I compose music and play several musical instruments, some of them expertly. I own about 50 volumes of chess material and study them intensely. I also enjoy physics, math, and history (TRUE history), especially if it deals with the last hundred years. I was discharged from the US Army honorably (medical conditions) 2-8-68 after serving about four months (during basic training I broke both my arm and wrist and continued training for about two weeks till I finally convinced my first sgt. that something was wrong with me and was sent to the base hospital where a medical examination revealed I had hypertension). Since then I was injured on the job (a mobile home fell on me) and have been for the most part unable to work. I take care of my children while my wife works. This gives me the time to do a considerable amount of studying and also, I have written short stories one of which I hve submitted to a publisher and was rejected. As of lately, I have been fervently exploring the subject of this rash of political assassinations. So far I have hundreds of pages of notes. I am more interested in finding the truth than in writing a book and that is why I am sending what I feel is overlooked yet important information and possibilities.

Though I am no "expert" neither am I stupid. After I had quit school after completing 10 years (a move that I shall always regret), I took an IQ test and scored in the upper 130's when I was 19. I was told that the average college graduate scored about 120.

My father bought me my first shotgun when I was 9 years old and I have hunted all of my life (from beer cans to deer). I have seen the effects of many different types of weapons on many different types of materials. I have never been a member of the NRA therefore I am not rated as anything, but I grew up in a small Texas town where rifles are kept on a gunrack in the rear windows of pickup trucks. In New York young boys play stick ball; here they went hunting.

Even so, the information that I gave you concerning hydrostatic shock waves are not my invention. Capt. John Houston Craige wrote a book called The Practical Book of American Guns in which he expounds on the phenomenon. This book was copywritten in 1962 and therefore makes no mention of the M16. However, he does extol the merits of the comparable 220 Swift; the 219 Zippeer; the 218 Bee; and the 22 Hornet which are all of the small caliber high velocity family. He points out with the introduction of these rounds that it opened up a new area of wounds ballistics due to the tremendous increase of the heretofore minimal hydrostatic shock waves. I have also read many magazine articles on the subject. These high velocity bullets were all the rage during the '60's, and almost all (if not all) rifle and gun magazines have printed many articles on the subject.

As far as the M16 goes, the information that I have gleaned on this remarkable weapon has come from eye witness accounts (while I was in the Army); magazine articles (too, many have been written in gun mags. In fact I remembered how shocked I was when I read the first reports of this weapon coming from Viet Nam. Wounds that would under normal circumstances be of a superficial nature were fatal when the M16 was employed. Limbs being completely severed from the body etc.); and a friend of mine owns an AR15 which is the semi-automatic civilian version of the M16. One day he demonstrated its explosive properties by shooting a brick. The brick literally exploded.

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As you pointed out in Frameup, any type of bullet may be employed if hand-loaded. It appears that extremely soft bullets were employed in the JFK assassination. Perhaps some sort of lead-silver alloy combination was used, because the bullets seemed to turn to powder on contact with bone. Also, pictures of the windshield reveal cracks which appear to have been caused by a rather large fragment. These cracks are just to the right of the middle of the windshield (when facing the windshield from in front). Considering that JFK's head wound (the massive one) was located at the right side and right rear, for a fragment to have caused the windshield damage, it would necessitate some sort of a wound to the left front of his head.

It would seem that an unimpeded high velocity rifle bullet would certainly pierce the windshield. So, the cracks must have been caused by a fragment unless the windshield was of the bullet proof variety (which I understand it was not, but I have since forgotten where I obtained that information, so I stand to be corrected), if so the soft type ammunition might not hole the windshield.

But what really caught my attention was the dent in the chrome above the windshield. I believe that the FBI stated that this dent had been caused in the process of attaching the hard top, but its deepness and rounded contour appears to me that it could only be caused by a bullet. This, however, places me in a dilemma. It would seem that this defect to the chrome is too large and too perfectly round to have been caused by a fragment, but also it seems that an unimpeded rifle bullet would easily pierce it. Possibly the fragile nature ~~and~~ of the bullet could prevent penetration; this is what I believe.

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The only drawback in using frangible type bullets though is that they have a tendency to be stripped by the rifling rather than being rotated by it. This stripping action varies directly in proportion to the powder charge and thus the muzzle velocity. Major Sir Gerald Burrard bears this out in his book The Identification of Firearms and Forensic Ballistics (incidentally when I ordered this book through an interlibrary loan from the Dallas Public Library, the FBI expressed interest in who wanted the book and why.). This stripping action negates much of the rotation of the bullet and therefore hinders the accuracy of the projectile. How much so, only testing could show, but personally I feel that at the short distances required in Dealy Plaza that the assassins still could be most effective.

Another interesting point brought out in the book by Maj. Burrard is that the slight damage to the base of 399 (the stretcher bullet) could have been caused by hot expanding gases. This is why early British ~~match~~ match ammunition employed jute wadding to ~~diminish~~ diminish the distortion to the butt of the bullet, hence increase accuracy.

Also, he pointed out that on a bolt action rifle, the cartridge bases fired from that rifle will leave an impression of the firing pin and machine markings on the bolt face in it. He explained that they are analogous to finger prints, therefore the brass found at the 6th floor window could be shown beyond a shadow of a doubt as to whether or not they came from the Carcano. But more importantly, if they were fired from the Carcano they would definitely show whether one of the shells only partly burned (thus solving once and for all the question of the back wound penetrating only one or two inches.). This, of course is determined by the "deepness" of the impression which varies directly with pressure created by the wholly or partially burned powder.

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Since I wrote you, I have read the book The Secret Team by Col. L Fletcher Prouty. In it he tells of a deal made between the CIA and the Armalite Company for a small quantity of M16's. The CIA agents were disguised as Air Force and other military personnel. The Air Force later purchased a larger amount of the weapons and the Army a considerable amount. The point is that the CIA was the first organization to obtain these weapons, and in plenty of time for the JFK assassination. Armalite sent a representative to the Army ~~WARREN~~ Chemical Warfare Station at Ft. Detrick to demonstrate the weapon for them.

As for the information on Jack Ruby's cache of M16's, I obtained that from Forgive My Grief Vol. IV by Penn Jones Jr. I understand that he has some connections with the Dallas Police Force and the Sheriff's Dept. If you wish, I could write him a letter and see if I can find out the particulars. But this story of an ammunition cache is consistent with the testimony given by Nancy Perrin Rich and others (testifying about Ruby's Cuban connections and gun running.).

Thank you for setting me straight about Dr. Wecht. When I saw him on TV neither his language or many of his conclusions bespoke intelligence.

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As for the Destructiveness of the 223 cal. bullet, it lies in the facts that; the tremendous speed of the bullet thus the transmission of much energy to the target resulting in the creation of devastating hydrostatic shock waves, with a military type jacket the long thin design of the bullet sometimes causes it to tumble end over end after striking the target thus creating a gaping wound; if soft nose ammunition is employed a mushrooming effect is obtained thus transmitting more energy to the target and also the tremendous rotation of the bullet can cause the bullet to explode or disintegrate upon impact. Probably an all lead or lead alloy type bullet could not be made to rotate fast enough to cause this disintegration due to the stripping action I have previously mentioned/ A jacketed soft nosed bullet in my estimation would be the most devastating. I really wish that ~~EA~~ I were in a position to be able to run some tests. One thing must be remembered however, that the 223 (as are all high velocity bullets) are very unpredictable. The point that I wished to establish is that this bullet's capabilities appear to be the most consistent with the evidence that I have examined to date. Capt. John Houston Craige in his book pointed out that he has seen deer hit with high velocity small caliber bullets, and most of them were dropped as if hit with a sledge hammer. But there is always the exception. He says that a very few have been hit with this same type of ammunition and have bounded away as if nothing happened (a small percentage). Most of the time, however, this type of ammunition will produce explosive gaping wounds and instant death.

Hand /  
I had no idea that you had so much information about the wounds. If possible I wish could find time to relate it to me. I am no expert in the medical field, but that does not mean that I could not contribute something in this area. If you could send me every detail of what you know about the wounds, I am almost sure I could be of help.

brain  
I wish you could be more explicit about the dispersal of dust-like particles on a straight path near the temple. Stuck to the skin? In the hair? Imbedded in the skin? Imbedded in the bone? On the inside or outside of the skull?

Also, I am not sure of what you mean by "coning".

It would help considerably if you could send me a photostatic copy of the x-rays, or at least a fairly accurate sketch. Am I to understand that there was no small entry hole in JFK's skull?

As for the special Viet Nam ammunition, it seems that I have heard of this, but I am not certain. It could be that I read about it in Col. Anthony B. Herbert's book Soldier where he talks of his assignments for the CIA. He also talks about skulduggery on the part of the CIA in Viet Nam. For example US Special Forces members who dressed up like Viet Cong to commit political assassinations and pin them on the VC. He was offered such a job and refused. At any rate I will try to research it and see what I come up with.

Now I would like to tell you something that I found out recently. One of the most puzzling aspects of the JFK case was the untimely (or timely considering whose side you are on) deaths of certain witnesses and those who have valuable information. Many of these deaths have been the result of sudden and virulent cancer as in the case of Jack Ruby, Clay Shaw, Capt. Frank Martin of the DPD, and others.

Everyone knows that you cannot inject someone with cancer cells and expect them to contract the malady, but still the deaths were too convenient to be happenstance. How were they doing it?

I have just finished reading the book Man Against Cancer by Bernard Glemser, and in it I have sounded out some very interesting items.

**NITROSAMINES:** A type of chemical compound that can be 90% effective in producing specialized cancer after one dose. Nitrosamines were developed in SW Germany by Dr. H. Druckrey the world's foremost authority on the subject.

Over 65 different types of nitrosamines, artificially by slightly altering the chemical make up.

Whether taken intravenously, subcutaneously, by ingestion, or absorption they will always cause the same type of cancer. For example one modification of a nitrosamine will always cause cancer of the brain. Another will always produce cancer of the liver. Some are even so specialized as to be able to consistently cause cancer of the eyelid.

For rats the induction time is about 300 days. Dr. Druckrey has estimated that they would take 25 years in a human, but this is one dose. And as of yet there have been no volunteers to test the time lag. How long would it take for

cancer to evolve if massive doses were administered?

Dr. H. Hemperl said that nitrosamines would be like a gun. You could aim them at whichever organ ~~AM~~ you chose (regardless of how administered) and it would virtually always produce cancer in that organ.

Druckrey and his team in Germany make these 65 different types of nitrosamines available to any research institute that desires to purchase them. Certainly not beyond the reach of the CIA or other government agency.

Druckrey has been fooling around with these since at least 1961.

HYDRAZINES: Also very potent carcinogens.

METHYL-NITROSO-UREA+ Produces cancer of the nervous system. A dose less than the size of a grain of sugar causes cancer in experimental rats. Works especially well if the genetic materials in cells are active as during pregnancy and the cancer is also transmitted to the progeny.

I am not suggesting that Jack Ruby was pregnant at the time of his death, but methyl-nitroso-urea administered in large doses in conjunction with hormone shots could be a possibility.

AFLATOXINS: This group of carcinogen is taken from the extract of the *Aspergillus flavus* mold which is one of the most common of molds and will grow naturally in cereals. There are different aflatoxins taken from variations of the *Aspergillus* mold. Some of these cause cancer in plants and some affect animals. *Aspergillus flavus* causes primarily liver cancer in animals, however, small doses will cause cirrhosis of the liver while larger doses will cause liver cancer. This is much, much more virulent than the nitrosamines. For example, one experimental animal (a duckling) was given one dose being one twenty millionth of a gram in amount causing death in less than 24 hours. The author of the book says that there ~~SOME~~ are some types even more virulent than these. He states that one type *Aspergillus fumigatus* is extremely dangerous to humans.

Of course, these cannot be used on humans (At least officially), but this shows that people can be infected with cancer after one dose which can be administered in any fashion.

Incidentally, this *Aspergillus flavus* extract shines with a fluorescent glow when subjected to ultra-violet light, so before you eat anything be sure to shine an ultra-violet light on it.

Now, I want to tell you about an article that I ran across last month in the Dallas Times Herald. In it one of Jack Ruby's strippers, Shari Angel, explained how when she went to see Jack Ruby (Jan. 3, 1967) three days before he died, and he kept begging her not to leave her. He said, "They're giving me shots of something to kill me"

She said that he looked "remarkably healthy" for a man who was supposedly dying of cancer. She said that he was all right, but he kept acting out of his head. Sheriff Bill Decker (died 1970) and Deputy Sheriff Buddy Walthers (Shot in the back while apprehending a suspect. The suspect, James Cherry, wanted to take the lie detector test to prove that it was not he but Walthers' partner who shot Walthers. He was denied this, and no ballistic evidence was presented at the trial. Walthers died in 1969.) had to "calm him down", speaking of Ruby.

Shari Angel also stated that Kathy Kay, another Ruby stripper, claimed that she had danced with Lee Harvey Oswald on two occasions shortly before the assassination. Kathy Kay disappeared on Nov. 24, 1963 and today her whereabouts are unknown. Shari Angel said that Kathy Kay was born in England and that she might have returned home.

So, it appears to me that there might have been something to the cancer angle. What do you think?

As I keep reading your books, I keep running across references to other books that you have written, but do not appear on your mail order form. Would you please send me a list of these and how much they cost? As I am sore financial straights, it might be a while before I will be able to afford them, but eventually I hope to embellish my home library with them, if possible.

I certainly thank you for your indulgence, and I hope that I might be able to add something in the way of a touchstone. At least by searching every avenue we may be able to discern what didn't happen. If I learn of any new developments I will inform you if they seem important enough, because I know that you must be very busy.

Maybe it came out wrong, but I simply wanted you to answer my letter, not send it back to me.

Thanks again, and I hope that I hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shari Angel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".



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