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Dear Russell,

Please excuse the paper. All I have at hand at the moment.

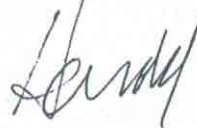
I was not aware that Kostokov had a book out. If you have a clipping on it I'll appreciate it. Also if you have a review of The Wedge, by Mark Reichert. Now the CIA's evidence is that it was ~~only~~ ~~xxxx~~ a conjecture that Oswald spoke to Kostikov. From the description he gave another man at the USSR embassy, it was not Kostokov. It was most likely a Sov. named Yatskov.

Matter of fact, the CIA did not have that room bugged. They had the phones tapped, however, there and at the Cubans.

What you say about Kvitny does not surprise me. He had a crew here for the 25th anniv. and they were not interested in fact at all. Not even in pictures.

And his review in the LA Times of Posner's book was shot full of errors. Like all others, he has not taken the need for fact because his genius is such he needs none.

Thanks and best wishes,



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Dear Harold:

Checking out Posner's book again, I find on the first page of chapter 11 the following: "He held one end of the brown-paper-wrapped object tucked under his armpit, and the other end did not quite touch the ground". I broke out the ruler, deducted my 4 inch height advantage over Oswald, and discovered that the object described is 48 inches long. Even Posner gives the length of the "rifle bag" as 38 inches. He also shortens the length of a disassembled M.C. by one inch to 35 inches.

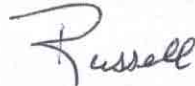
Elsewhere Posner takes the word of every federal agent as gospel, and then treats gospel as irrefutable evidence. He gives identical credence to the statements of people (Marina, Ruth Paine et al.) whose words cannot be corroborated. He withholds the fact that Gilberto Alvarado was an agent of Nicaraguan Intelligence and he does not mention that Kostikov and Nechiporenko have financial motives (now that they have their books on the market) for claiming that they met Oswald in Mexico City. I see here a deference to intelligence agents no matter who they serve. Posner states that the Soviet Embassy interview took place in an unsecured room, which can only mean a room that was bugged by the CIA, and then he does his best to doubletalk the reader into believing that Oswald's voice was recorded without, however, offering anything but rumor and/or hearsay in substantiation.

I doubt that you will believe this, but I once met a man as dishonest as Posner. His name is Jonathan Kwitny. He is the author of several books, and on the anniversary of the assassination, in 1988, he hosted a television show on the matter. At the outset of the show he announced that he had come across irrefutable evidence that Oswald had shot Kennedy. However, he failed to elaborate on the assertion. Three or four years later I talked to him at the conclusion of an assassination symposium sponsored by Tikkun in Manhattan. I asked him what he had meant in 1988. He said "Oh, well, uh, I just meant the, you know, the evidence from the Warren Commission". I asked specifically what. He said, "Well, Buell Frazier saw him carry a package into the TSBD". I stated my reasons for disbelieving Frazier. Then Kwitny blurted,

"Well, ah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah, who dooyuh want to include next in the conspiracy, the postman?-ah-hah-hah-hah-hah-hah-ha! I said that it wouldn't matter how many conspirators there were as long as they knew ahead of time that those who would gather and interpret the evidence were on their side. This produced silence, so then I asked why, in light of the fact that both the W.C. and HSCA (Kwitny is an advocate of HSCA) were aware that for some two minutes after the shooting, and with Oswald on the second floor, and with someone rearranging the boxes of the so-called sniper's nest, that both commissions not only failed to investigate the matter but even contradicted their own lead by stating that Oswald was alone on the 6th floor. Kwitny answered not a word and I walked away to speak to the honest and honorable Peter Dale Scott who, during the evening had consistently trumped Kwitny at every turn. Scott expressed to me the opinion that the plot against Kennedy within the CIA had at its center James Angleton and Ray Rocca. He also expressed the opinion that Helms was at most a peripheral figure within the Agency, in regard to the assassination.

Sometime soon there will be forthcoming a revelation regarding an irrefutable and highly important witness to the autopsy. I have asked my source for permission to reveal it now, but I am awaiting a reply. When this comes out, it will be an earthquake. If I am given permission I will let you know.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell".

Russell Harrell