

12/29/69

Dear Bud,

Your xerox of the anonymous letter on Dr. Harper arrived today, with the first mail in almost a week. You ask "What does this mean to us?" The answer is nothing. I've had all of that and more since early 1966. Left it out of WWII hoping to be able to carry it further. Then I was in Dallas 11/68, I just didn't have time for the Harpers. Incidentally, the letter is in all essential details accurate. (Had you not read FM so rapidly, you'd remember it, for it is in that book.)

One of the things Gary was not able to do when he was in Dallas was to go further. The Harpers backed off. The sort of thing we wanted was his positioning of himself when he found that piece of skull (which went to the doctor, to the pathologist at Methodist, to the FBI, to Admiral Burkley, etc. You should recall this is one of the things I went accounted for in the suit on the evidence.)

My recollection is that young Harper found it 29 hours after the assassination 25 feet south of the estimated position of the car at 313. I think it is Gary who believes it was southwest rather than south, although the FBI reports I have say south. He may be right, too. It has been a long time since I wrote that part of FM in the summer of 1967. The one thing in the letter that we did not know is that Burkley phoned Dr. Harper. It could be assumed, but if this man speaks from knowledge, it is interesting, for there is nothing in the files I've seen bearing on that logical call.

Even what it tells you of your source is redundant, isn't it? I tried to interest him in that work 11/67, knowing nothing about this, and in the end all he had was what he refused to help. Special kind of genius, isn't it?

Today's mail has a DJ letter requiring that I dig out a file for answer. If I get it done before I can mail this, I'll enclose. Enclosed is a copy of a letter I asked Bernabei to send me. I believe I mentioned this to you. It sort of bears on the urgent necessity of depending on the National Archives to preserve the national heritage - by losing it! I sent you a copy of my letter to Rhoads, which was as soon as I heard from Dick. Neither he nor I have heard, and I did send an electrostatic copy of my picture. This also bears on the great care exercised to protect the evidence. Clobberville Express, believe me. The reason they can't find it is because they've doctored it and I've got the before and after pictures! C'mup 'n see me sometime! I had that picture taken during the summer of 1966 for FBI, where I use it. Bernabei, who has skills in these lines, has done the work that proves there was not even a whisier missing aside from what was removed for the tests or cut off in the rifling. He has duplicated all my picturex shows is missing with a knife, cutting out the samples in various bullets, and has pictures, besides the bullets themselves.

Have a good year.

This may be true of much you may have gotten from Jim. Suggest you take them up with me before spending time on them. I found very little in what I looked at, not hing of value they understood. Don't forget the name and address in Annapolis and Silver Spring you were going to check for me. I have one interesting bit on Tarpe on that list.

FBI : Deaky Playful
Sept. - 1967

Dear Mr. Garrison:

If there was any need for you to know my name, I'd tell you who I am. But, there's no need for you to know me.

If the following information will help you, I'm happy to submit it to you. If it doesn't help you, nothing has been lost.

Now, There is a man living at 2378 East Ledbetter Drive in Dallas Texas by the name of B. A. Harper.

After the assassination of President Kennedy, Mr. Harper's son found a piece of skull at the assassination site which was about 2½" square.

Dr. Jack Harper at the "Lively Clinic" in Oak Cliff was contacted who identified the piece of bone as human skull. They contacted the F.B.I. who transported the piece of skull to Washington.

Kennedy's personal physician identified the piece of skull as being part of Kennedy's. He called and talked to Dr. Jack Harper by telephone.

This information is not in the "Warren Report" and, might possibly, support some contention with respect to the type of bullet that would sever a piece of bone this big from the skull.

Best of Luck

One of Your
Supporters.

Harold —

What does this mean to us?

Bud