

Holmes

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Dear Don Schaefer,

It certainly was kind of you to go to all the trouble to transcribe David Belin on the 7/25/76 Ralph Fine Show. Thank you very much for the transcript and the tape. Both also will have value in years to come.

Belin is sick - driven by compulsive self-defense needs. He can't live in silence with what he has done. This also is true of his colleague Joe Ball, who has recently tried a similar and even more unfactual self-defense before the Los Angeles bar.

Thus Belin lies in telling Fine and the audience that he refused to have anyone on the other side only so he could hog it all, as he always tries to do anyway. The end of his joint appearances was when I took him apart at Vanderbilt University two days before he came out for the new investigation he had refused to ask for before we began our debate. (In fact Belin then was so willing to have an opponent that he agreed to a postponement of that debate when I was hospitalized.)

While this is the regular Belin hokum what did interest me is his story about Inspector Holmes impulsively deciding to drop off and give his old pal Will Fritz a hand in questioning Oswald that Sunday morning rather than continuing on his way to church. It may indeed be that had it not been for this intrusion - and why in the world did Holmes think he could do what others had not done? - Ruby then would not have been able to ~~not~~ kill Oswald, who might have been moved to the Sheriff's jail before Ruby even got to the area of Western Union.

Is it not also interesting that there is none of this in the Warren "report"?

And that the Belins and the Balls and all the others remained publicly silent about it?

I also thank you very much for the fine letter.

Sincerely,