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8/13/94

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thanks for the kind things you say in your 8/8.

With regard to the camera speed, there are two separate matters. When I had no access to Zapruder's and when our local camera shop confirmed what SA Barrett had written about 24 fps. I did believe that was slow motion. But Barrett was wrong about the actual speed.

But in taking what is wanted to be slow motion, it is filmed faster so that it will appear to be slower when projected.

The FBI did not use Zapruder's camera in the reenactment. As you may recall the result was that they were 1/3 in their reconstruction. In seconds yet!

Henry Wade told me those files hold no record of any Hall arrest. But I also interviewed both Hall and Seymour and they confirm that Hall was arrested. As he told me, because of his own carelessness when he had a trailer load of stuff for the mercenaries in Florida.

I have only a vague recollection of that Allan Dale matter. I think he asked that the name be kept in confidence and I do not now recall what it was.

However, as I learned later, there were countless such tales and none stacked. I doubt that the man can be found or that it is worth any effort.

The only question about the motorcade route was caused, as I learned after my first book, by a newspaper artist making it simpler than it always was. It was the unusual route for motorcades. Nothing special or unusual in it. Because it was usual, the audience ignored the newspaper sketch and was along both Houston and Elm, not along Main.

Many more copies of the Report than of the 26 were printed. The Report was also reprinted. If your local univ. has the 26, you people are lucky.

Thanks for thinking of the SASE but I do not see it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg
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August 8, 1994

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I thank you very much for your letter of 7-6-94.

Mr. Weisberg, if you recall, I did order all of your books a number of months ago and I have been diligently plowing thorough them this spring and summer.

I must say that your meticulous analysis of the Warren Commission documents is without doubt the most thorough I have come across in my review of the assassination literature. You are to be highly commended (as I am sure you already have been by many others) for a truly historical achievement. I have not yet finished reading your treatises but have completed Whitewash, Whitewash II and Oswald In New Orleans.

In Whitewash II, you refer to the fact that the FBI in its reconstructed version of the assassination used a camera that operated at 18 frames per second rather than the 24 frames per second that was in Mr. Zapruder's camera. In your opinion, what was the actual effect of the FBI using a faster film? To a lay person, it would seem that everything would have been then depicted as having occurred faster than re-flected on Zapruder's film. But what, then, is the corollary?

Also, in "Oswald In New Orleans", you discussed the arrest of Seymour-Hall and Howard on October 17, 1963 and the fact that the Dallas Police Department refused to release the arrest records to you. I have heard that the Dallas Police Department has released all of its assassination records, but I do not know the truth of it. Do you?

Also in said treatise you refer to the fact that Alan Dale of KOAI in San Antonio had a tape recorded confession which eventually was given to Jim Garrison. In your book you do not identify this person and I, of course, am wondering if that person can be identified now or has previously had his name made public? In the cited treatise, your refer to a man who was "very deeply" connected to the radical right and who was questioned by a former FBI agent through your friends upon your initiative. Has the information to which you refer ever been made public or can it be made public now?

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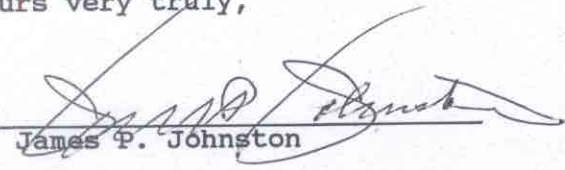
Thus far, I have not discovered in your treatises that I have read, any information as to who was responsible for having the motorcade routed past the T.S.D. Building. Do you have any information on this?

I have learned that the Warren Commission Report--so called, is here on file at Wichita State University which is an officially designated United States Government Depository! I do not know how many "government depositories" there are around the country, but apparently all of them are now supposed to have (and have had for some time) the report of the President's Commission On The Assassination of President Kennedy.

I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenient response.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

BY 
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