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Dear Henry,

Thanks for the kind things you say in your letter of the 23rd. While I do try to be factual and clearly analytical, I have found it is not the road to instant popularity.

I don't recall if I asked if it will be OK to make use of D.L. Jackson's notes on his observations when he was a motorcycle escort for JFK at the time of the assassination. I'd like to be able to use them in the newest record in my C.A. 75-225, which is for the results of the scientific examinations by the FBI. I'm going over copies of various records I think can be of use and will be preparing a long statement for my lawyer. In this, the persisting stonewalling leaving little real choice, I'm going to have to address motive for not complying with the Freedom of Information Act and all the many, many abuses. False swearing is neither uncommon nor unaccepted. If there is any reason why I should not include some of the Jackson information for the Court please let me know.

Two of these records may interest you. They are enclosed. The first, three days after the assassination only, is a memo for the White House from Atzenbach, then Deputy AG and Acting AG. Before any investigation "the public must be satisfied that Oswald was the assassin" who would have been convicted and who was entirely alone. This copy is from a Department file. The initials are those of a Department lawyer loaned to the Warren Commission, its liaison with the Department and the Commission's staff director. This was before there was any Commission. He is Howard W. Willens. The second is an assistant FBI director's memo intended for Hoover, from an FBI file. It quotes Atzenbach as saying that whether or not Oswald had the shooting capability is only "minutiae." The handwritten comments are Hoover's. To him even the thought of a Presidential Commission was "minutiae."

Another indefensible book by a pair of yellow phoxies will be out next week. Some copies are now available in Washington. They were general counsel/staff director of the House committee and his editor. They wanted the largest budget in the history of Congressional investigations in trying to make the official preconceptions appear to be true and then got turned around in their last minutes and had to halloo "conspiracy" without ever investigating either the crime or any conspiracy.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg