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Dear Ms. Jamieson,

I'm grateful for the oral histories and have read them with interest. I'm sorry it was not possible for you to come up when you were in Washington because we might have discussed your questions at greater length but I believe there can be no definitive answers to them.

Do I remember correctly that you said you have the autopsy notes? If so I would appreciate a copy very much and while I have no reason to believe that I would want to include them in a completed book to be published September, 1994, I would like, with your permission, to add an account of when, where and how you located them. They were not in the misfiled file that held the autopsy holograph and the death certificate when I examined them years ago.

If I were to guess at the reasons for giving him the shots it is so that there would not later be any criticism for not having done it.

I fear that we can only conjecture about why Burkley was never a witness. My belief is, as I set forth in great detail in NEVER AGAIN!, to be published in September, that just about all involved in the Commission and at the Navy Hospital knew that they were covering up. I think also that any questioning of Burkley could have led to problems in the covering up and in avoiding damaging his reputation if he were to have been part of it. On this I have no knowledge.

I'm particularly glad that Burkley confirmed what I've understood, that JFK was a fine physical specimen. As you may have learned, most of the books are by those who regard themselves as Perry Masons. The nuttiest of all says in a book that he would soon have died, he was in that bad shape, health.

Please excuse my typing. I'm sorry it cannot be any better.

If you plan any publication, I'd like to know about it.

Thanks and best wishes,

  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed are copies of the Burkley interviews we discussed earlier this month. I hope you find them helpful.

Concerning my remarks about the President's treatment in Dallas, please understand that I do not, in any way, question the processes provided by Parkland physicians; rather, my problem relates to Dr. Burkley's contribution. A number of years ago I read that he carried a syringe and appropriate cartridges for treatment of the President's condition; then, last year Dr. Crenshaw's Conspiracy of Silence stated that Admiral Burkley ". . . gave Dr. Carrico three 100-mg vials of Solu-Cortef from the President's bag"; and finally, as I'm sure you are aware, reference is made in countless books to medication stashed all over the country for treatment of Kennedy's condition, but nowhere is it indicated whether such medication is to be used in a saline solution or via syringe.

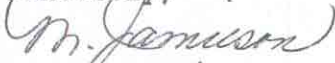
Essentially, Mr. Weisberg, I have two questions:

1. If the President was as near death as all indicate, why in the dickens was Dr. Burkley worried about medicating him for Addison's Disease; and
2. If it was that critical, why didn't the doctor give him a direct injection of the hydrocortisone rather than placing it in a saline intravenous?

No--I have another question: How on earth do you suppose Dr. Burkley managed to get the protection from testifying for so very many years? And why?

I want to thank you for the time you spent with me on the telephone. It was a pleasant and interesting conversation, and I look forward to your next publications.

Sincerely,

  
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