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Dear Mr. Joy,

Time pressures are such that I can make but brief reply to your 9/26, which reached me today.

Berkeley and Fensterwald are nice guys with the most sincere interest in the assassinations but neither know the material nor realize they do not. They have and prefer preconceptions. They are also as far-out in their tchoring the two irrationalis. We have to learn to distinguish between the best of intentions and the least of factual knowl dge.

I do not believe that the solid exhibits are fakes. There has been fakery with them, which is not the same. Yours is the correct formulation, applying it to "the characters in Washington" rather than to the evidence itself.

I have not seen the President's clothing. I went to court and it is under appeal. But I have studied the pictures and I don't for one minute doubt that the clothing is his. I have no recollection at this point of FBI Exhibit 59, nor do I think I have a copy. FBI 60 is both genuine and contrived, but I can't go into this now. I do in POST MORTEM. If I can get it published, I'll send you a notice of pub. The distinction I would press upon you is not whether the photos are of the real things but are they carefully arranged and are they professionally, deliberately incompetent.

The FBI did not confiscate the "poorman picture. See index to PHOTO WB. I have no knowledge of whether they have the pictures of the Sab. lady. I rather hope they do, for they will not destroy it. They'll hide it and later claim the Co. didn't ask. Outside of Dallas they did confiscate pictures, not dealing with Dallas. Again, no time.

You ask no reply on Garrison, but I suggest that where he needed help was not in Dallas but in N.O., where he never did any real work, and that you didn't offer. His case, remember, was against Shaw, not the WC, and all that he could introduce from Dallas had to bear on conspiracy. That part he did accomplish.

I am aging, wearying, and close to penniless but I still work an inordinate day every day. I hope you can understand why I can't take more time, for I have much research to get onto paper and into manuscripts. We are almost literally penniless, so henceforth I must ask those who write and ask for information to enclose a stamped, return-address envelope, to save me these minor costs in time and money.

Best reg rds,

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Sept. 26, 1971.

Dear Mr. Weisberg: I have recently had some correspondence with the editor of Computers and Automation and with Mr. Fensterwald of the Committee To Investigate Assassinations. To one or the other or both of them I stated that all the exhibits, the "solid evidence" in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy, may be fake for all I know and that I would put no amount of faking past the characters in Washington. Neither had any comment on that.

It seemed to me that you would probably know more about the exhibits in the Archives than anybody who has written about the Warren Report so you might be better able than the rest to answer a question. You have, I believe, seen the President's shirt and coat, those with the bullet holes. Would you say that these garments are actually the ones worn by Kennedy when he was shot? If so, then would you say that the photographs of the bullet holes, FBI Exhibits 59 and 60, are true photographs of those bullet holes? If the FBI photographs are authentic, then everybody has made a grave mistake in "reading" those holes. I have known this for some years, of course, but have not discussed it in years past.

Do you know of any photographs confiscated by the FBI other than the Moorman photograph and the motion picture film taken by the Babushka Lady? If so, where were the persons taking the pictures located?

The Zapruder film does not show the position of the rifleman but it is, to me, an even bet that the film of the Babushka Lady and the Moorman film do, or the Babushka Lady's film at any rate.

I have never been certain what Jim Garrison thought he was trying to do. I wrote him four letters before he tried his case and in the last one, which I sent by registered air mail, special delivery and got a receipt, I offered to pay my own expenses to New Orleans and prove his case for him, not against Shaww but against the Report. He did not answer.

Thank you for the answers requested.

Sincerely yours,

  
Whitney Joy.