

9-27-91

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Reference is made to your letter dated 9-23-91. I had no idea you were 78 years old; in body maybe, but your mind seems clear as glass. You have certainly had a rough time of it.

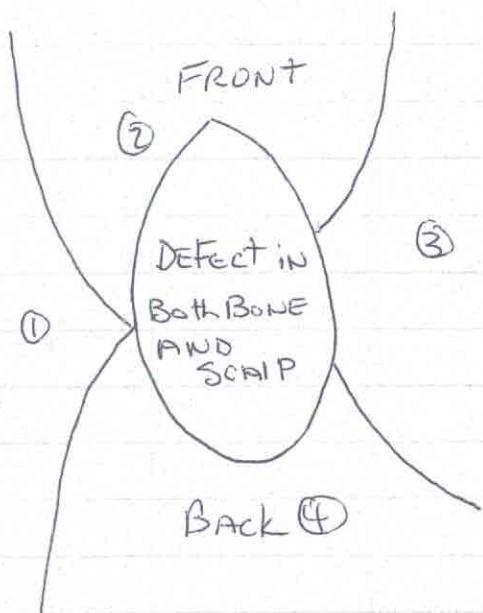
If you would make a list, as detailed as possible, of questions you would like asked, I will be happy to oblige. I am not a host for 'Crossfire' nor am I an experienced interviewer. However, with the guidance of yourself and a few others I kind of have an idea of how to proceed.

All of my investigations reveal there were 23 people in the autopsy room, besides SS and FBI. The Silvert & O'Neil report doesn't contain Admiral Kenney and Captain Canada. If you know of any additionally, please advise.

I have some very brief recordings of interviews with some of the personnel present that was done by a private researcher. As soon as I transcribe them, I will send you all I have. Keep in mind these are only segments, I don't have the entire interview(s).

I don't know what you mean exactly when you ask if there may have been surgery of the head, not where the opening in the skull was. I direct your attention to Himes' testimony

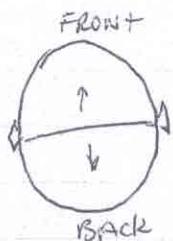
when he described the 4 ~~tears~~ 'tares' in the scalp. These tares are basically symmetrical - as represented on a head they may look like:



Thus creating a series of 4 flaps represented by numbers. Is this what was in your mind? If so, I agree that this looks like some sort of organized cutting. It is very hard for me to believe that one bullet made these lacerations. Also when the skin is ripped, it bruises. Humes testified and reported no bruises in these areas. However, when a cut is made, with say, a scoupe or knife the skin wouldn't bruise.

If I may now draw your attention to normal autopsy procedure for getting to

the skull cap. That is the area, roughly, that would be covered with perhaps a ball cap. The skin is "reflected" they call it. It is a cut done from ear to ear along the top of the head looking kind of like this:



The scalp is then reflected, or pulled away from the bone underneath in front + back directions. Humes said no surgery was necessary to get to the skull cap. I say this; No surgery was needed at autopsy because it had already been done.

This is a hard fact to face, but it is that, fact.

Something else, totally away from this discussion, would you send me a few of those 'TOP SECRET' file folders you are holding on the back inside cover of Post-Mortem? I would like these very much for historical and personal library purposes. I would be glad to replace them with file folders that I have although these are plain-store bought kind.

Mr. Weisberg, if you haven't ever noticed this before, about the head, I would suggest you read the doctor's testimony very carefully. If you find any contradictions, please advise.

About the Altgens picture; I was relatively unaware of it until your book brought it to my attention. My uncle, to whom I am very close, has a dark room. I told him about the photo and showed it to him + he suggest we blow it up more where the man is seated on the steps. This could be Lovelady? Right? Well that's what I want to try to find out as well as getting a better look at the clothes (slit) of the individual in the door. To do this I must have a negative. I don't have a negative + AP charges \$85 for just a print. If you could make me a copy of your negative, I would be happy to pay the cost of reproduction. As well, I will inform you of all developments.

A friend of mine works for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, its the state police. He says he can have the blow ups compared by the photo department. I will also need a copy of the Oswald photo.

If he could, he would compare the photos in the book, but the guys in the lab won't do it; I've ~~had~~ tried. So do what you can.

Again, I'll be glad to replace the file folders if you would like. I do wish very much a few of these for purposes described.

I certainly hope you got enough ~~of~~ out of this long winded letter to have taken out the time; I know you are very busy.

Sincerely
L. Kinard

LEWIS E. KINARD
P.O. BOX 1047
VARNVILLE, SC.
29944