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Dear Harry,

You assumed what is not so when you got the story from Sweden I sent you.

My friend does not even live in Stockholm. He had nothing to do with the appearance of the story. He sent it to me when he saw it because he knew of my interest in Sicky White and his efforts to exploit the tragedy. If you need that information rapidly I suggest you phone the paper that printed the story.

My friend is a reporter, small-town. If he'd known anything at all about Laytner he'd have told me without my asking.

I wrote him immediately to thank him for the favor he'd done for me for a friend and that I never asked him to keep me informed. If he learns anything I'm sure he will.

There is no mail collection in Frederick until Monday. I'm sorry to say.

I get the impression from the Sunday Mail story that Laytner was not straight. He was not Swedish at all.

As I've told you many times, when our friends are here again you are welcome to all of their files from which they copied only a couple of pages. If you have forgotten, I also told you that David has a copy of the list of those records and he may be able to help you, before he is here, to pinpoint that folder. It is also possible that those were the only pages in that document that were of interest, i.e., mentioned you and Robert.

I do not have a clear enough recollection of the MW file to answer your question about the ambulance route the ambulance took through Washington. Do you have any idea? I suggest that you go over it when you were here and copy what you want. The last time, when one of the boys or both were with you, I told you where it was and encouraged you to copy the whole thing. But you didn't.

I suggest that as soon as you get this you may be able to get some answers from Manchester's book. I hope the MW records include some of what you want but I don't now recall.

You refer to the "alleged" time the autopsy started. You've got too much Lifton in your blood. There is a reasonable and I think close to accurate accounting of the time in the official records, and if you work backward from the time the Gawler people got the bodies you'll see it could not have begun later. Remember, it was first taken to an X-ray room and some X-rays were taken before it was moved to the autopsy room, where additional X-rays also were taken.

I can't begin now to give you "a complete list of each point the doctors may have lied about," as you asked. I'm sorry you have such a phobia about my books because aside from what I learned from records I got after the last was printed, I published all. I suggest that you make on you can understand what I wrote, so you will, and read the two newspaper newspapers of Whitewash, I think beginning with "The Murder of Shots", and continuing on to Post Mortem for mentions of them in it.

Sincerely,

Harry

January 18, 1991

Dear Harold:

Thank you for forwarding the letter and article from Sweden.

I need to either talk to or get an answer from your friend there by Wed AM if possible to the following:

Did Ron Laytner give the impression that this was his research?

Did the article mention mine and Robert's name and the title of our book?

I am going to see Laytner next week, and if he isn't straight about these things, we may stand to lose a lot. He is rather slippery in his language.

If and when our police come down, I need the rest of that FBI/Justice file talking about us.

Also need the relevant info from the MDW with regard to the movement of the ambulance etc.

Can you provide the route of the ambulance through D.C. so that we can retrace it and time it (not at those alleged speeds, of course), and 2) can you indicate what time the ambulance should have arrived, if it loaded by 6:15 or so the coffin from the plane. In other words, how do we account for each minute from AF 1's landing to 8:15 or so, the start of the autopsy (alleged)?

A complete list of each point the doctors may have lied about.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Harry