

Dear Harry,

12/12/81

Until the first of my recent operations I used to handle each day's mail as it came. I'd read a letter and then respond. For more than a year I have been much more limited in what I can do and in the time I have. But I do read letters as soon as I get them so that I can know what they hold and whether they require anything immediate. If they do, I do respond promptly.

I have a stack on my desk that depresses me. But when your last letter came and read it I responded as soon thereafter as it was convenient. By then I did not have as clear a recollection of its details. I had an incorrect recollection of the 2.5 cm reference. I misunderstood it to be the point the panel placed the wound above where Fink had placed it to the Commission.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that Jackie actually went for a piece of skull. But that is not what you said. You said that she had retrieved it and tried to put it back in place. The difference is pretty great.

With regard to the AP man: I had to disassociate myself from some of the things you said. I cautioned you in advance about this. Some, like the Rather crack, are pretty far out and material to nothing, really. It is a tendency you would, I think, do well to try to curb.

On the autopsy sketch: my recollection is not now clear but Fink testified, perhaps in N.O., that one was his. I think of the skull and I think his Commission testimony was so vague that I originally believed it was a teaching sketch he had made earlier for some of his teaching. I believe that the body chart was Boswell's. Compare the handwriting.

After the passing of time it often is difficult to find a current news peg on which to hang a story. Maybe you'll get a new statement from a new witness that will serve. The problem is an old one.

I can't begin to think of managing. I can't find time for my own long-overdue work. I've also made it a practice not to read any of the manuscripts in advance. Despite my closeness to Hoffman I declined.

The indices I have do not include the new Meagher one because I could put that money to better use, little as I have. I have only one copy of her first one. Those kinds of things are now in my literary past. I cannot return to them so do not now have such needs. As you can see, my recollections are no longer as vivid or dependable simply because those things no longer are in my mind.

Isolation also is not new. You'll just have to learn to live with it and what will be more difficult for you, to ignore so much that is wrong or evil about which nothing can be done. Instead of wasting your time and turning others off with denunciations. You did that with Chris re the Globe and Sun. They were of no interest to him and there was no possibility of his referring to either in his piece.

Chins up - and good luck!

Dec 11, 1981

Dear Harold -

Thank you for your note. I was glad to hear from you. There has been a lot of feed back from normally somnolent Johns Hopkins student - Many people saw the article (They printed 2000) and I have been approached by many students. So I feel my speech ultimately had a major effect on the campus in that I educated thousands. This happens wherever I go, pretty much, with newspapers, stores, etc.

I am concerned because on several occasions you have pointed out "errors" in my work, which have as their source your work, after. Your letter says I am wrong in saying "2.5 cm" for the occipital protuberance. Your letter says it was 4 cm. I refer you to p 515 of Postmortem where Humes states "2.5 cm laterally to the right and slightly above..."

This is repeated everywhere in the evidence though in ? HSA C 246 Humes says it was slightly below - in the brain - "in width a cm. to the right and maybe 2 cm below the midpoint of the external occip. protub." He forgot what he wrote in 1963 and said probably what he actually saw.

See also Wiffen.

On another occasion you forgot that Clint Hill said that Jackie was reaching for something (quote enclosed) Two years ago I had a long discussion with Tom

You identify the skull drawing as ^{no. 7} ~~no. 7~~ ^{min. 100 my}
Finds to me when they are asked ^{find} ²
identified as Boswell's (Wilber 210)
Postmortem p 311

Joyce, a former associate of JFK, who was handling Ted K's campaign in NYC. He had me talk to the SS at length about where a plot against Ted K might come from. He told me Jackie was returning the back of the head, and he said that the back of the head was blown out. But I didn't feel that this was all that solid.

I am being systematically isolated over the years, just as the SUN stranded me in Dallas in July of 1979, and the AP story appears to set you and I against each other, making it appear that we are at odds.

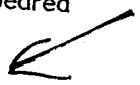
I was all but begged by the JHU newspaper to present a "theory" or opinion, name names, etc. I felt I owed it to students to tell them what I thought. I know that it jeopardizes our research, but we don't have that much more time on this earth. We have to educate young people.

You are trying to save me from your own errors. Your writing is filled with constant attacks and accusations against the real sources of these plots.

I'd like to handle my work on the headwounds as a straight news item but don't quite know how. I do hope you will comment, as I may have to carry the ball and I need managers. Sincerely,
Do you have any extra indexes (Meagher, etc). Urgent Harry

The Groden enhancement of the Zapruder film clearly shows the President being rocketed backwards by this frontal shot, and the back of his head blowing out. The film in subsequent frames shows that the shape of the President's head has changed and is elongated, flattened after the explosion, with the back of the head stretched out and there is an apparent large ring where the hole in the back of the head is, beneath a shock of hair. Part of his skull and brains were blown backwards and to the left onto a motorcycle policeman, and to the grass beside the road, as we shall discuss later.³⁴

Jaqueline Kennedy crawled out of the car and onto the trunk of the slowly moving car, it is said to retrieve part of the head. A Secret Serviceman, ordered not move,^{34A} ran forward, jumped on the car and pushed her back to her seat. "Just about as I reached it,; Hill said, as the car began to accelerate when it was all over, "There was another sound, which was different than the first sound. I think I described it in my statement as though someone was shooting a revolver into a hard object-- it seemed to have some type of an echo"... the second noise that I had heard had removed a portion of the President's head, and he had slumped noticeably to his left, Mrs. Kennedy had jumped up from the seat and was, it appeared to me, reaching for something coming off the right rear bumper of the car, the right rear tail, when she noticed that I was trying to climb on the car, she turned towards me and I grabbed her and put her back in the back seat, crawled up on top of the back seat and lay there. I noticed a portion of the President's head on the right rear side was missing and he was bleeding profusely. Part of his brain was gone."³⁴ Bones were later retrieved from the street and grass. One of these known as the Harper fragment, was identified in Dallas as being from the back of the head, as occipital bone.³⁵



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Ps. Dr. Dvlang and others have now sold me
now ~~Engels~~ picked up the ~~rest~~ head and showed
them the back of it was gone,