

Dear Jan M.,

9/23/83

The Ruby brief given to the Commission by Earl is interesting in that it represents that for years he had been mentally ill, paranoid, etc. Of course it is a lawyer's argument, but I find it interesting because Earl was associated with it. I'm glad this says it is from the Ford library because I do not recall seeing it in the Commission's files, although it may well be there.

Frankly, I have little trouble with this argument. He was hardly rational.

The index of the first 68 FBI reports to the Commission may at some point be of value in FOIA litigation and I'm glad to have it. I've used the irrational FBI classification of these records but I had it only in the Commission's long list of the records it received. Having those of the FBI separate and being able to show that all the reports it gave the Commission, without a single exception, are classified as either "Russia" or "Cuba" or both makes a clear point.

I don't know if there is any significance in the fact that Tippit is among the cops who went to Ruby's joint for a drink and it has been reported that he did, among many.

The comment attributed to Truly that he didn't think Oswald could have gotten to the second floor in time is not unreasonable, whether or not Truly ever said it, because as you will find in my first book the Commission's own reconstructions proved it was completely impossible.

You say that the FBI has acknowledged having 750 Detroit office pages and you plan to get them in increments of 200 pages. I suggest that instead you start putting that much aside now, as you can, and be able to send them the \$75.00 when you hear from them or you may be making problems for yourself by making problems for them. I'll be surprised if you get any pages that were not included in the general releases of FBIHQ documents. Instead of searching in Detroit they'll be identifying the Detroit records among those already disclosed and will provide you with copies of them only. I'm not familiar with your requests but I've enough experience with the FBI to expect them to do as I say and not to have made any search to respond to your request. What will happen, in practice, is that Detroit will identify its records from the four or so main files and FBIHQ will pick them out from among the many thousands it has already disclosed. This way they can be sure that they give you nothing new. I think you should insist upon a Detroit search not limited to the main files. And then ask for copies of the search slips, which will show what they found and under what names they allegedly searched.

Thanks and best wishes,

9-17-83

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Well, I finally made it out to the Ford Library again. I don't know if the papers from Earl Ruby were in the 26 vol. so I had a copy made, including his statement in longhand. The copy is no better than the original, almost illegible. I don't know if the list of FBI reports is of any use, but it looked as if it might be good for reference. Each time I go there I am swamped with the files that are available. I met 2 other guys who claim an interest in the assassination, but neither have called me after trading phone #'s (I met them through a mutual acquaintance, not at the library). I had suggested that we could all meet at the library and divide up the files, but I guess they aren't interested.

Did you ever hear of a Dallas cop named Zink (spelling phonetic)? Tom Wilson, one of the guys I met, claimed to have met him in Dallas and said Zink told him he was a friend of Tippit's. He said he and Tippit often went for a drink after work, and when Wilson asked if they ever went to the Carousel Zink said they went there many times. I wonder about Wilson though. He said his ex-wife works at St. Johns hospital in Detroit, where Humes works. He claimed she told him that anyone hired there must sign a statement that they will not bother Humes about the autopsy. I called there one evening and asked the switchboard girl, she seemed genuinely surprised and said she never heard of any statement. I called next day and talked to public relations. The girl there also sounded surprised, and said there was nothing like that that they knew of. Finally I had a buddy of mine ask his girlfriend, who is a doctor there, and she never heard of such a thing either. I don't know why this Wilson is saying this, unless he wanted to impress someone. He claimed to have talked to Roy Truly, who told him the WC changed his testimony in the written volumes. He said Truly told him he didn't think LHO could've gotten to the 2nd floor so soon.

I asked the FBI back in Feb. what they had on investigations in the Detroit area of the assassination. In May they said they had 750pp. I wrote and asked if I could order copies in increments, like 200pp first, then 2 or 300 more etc. til I had them all. Have not heard a thing since. At the Ford Library was a paper stating that a 5 pp FBI report on LHO was still classified (from 12-5-68). I filed a request for review and declassification, haven't heard anything yet. Never know, it might slip by this time.

Hope all is well with you, everything ok. I am going to go back to the Library, but it will be mid-October before I can.

Best wishes, and hope these papers are at least interesting if not useful.

Sincerely,



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