

Dear Jan,

11/17/82

Thanks for your 11/13 and the enclosed clippings. I do hope your domestic problem continues to resolve itself.

What you attribute to Dr. Chapman about the dented shell is quite interesting. I found a way to duplicate that kind of deformity on the local range, and it appears to me to be consistent with the deeper impression of the firing pin. In ordinary firing and in rapid firing, the shell is ejected without any such deformity. However, if one employs excess force, the shell is ejected backward and against the follower, with enough violence to make such a dent. We did it with my ~~M&K~~ Mannlicher Carcano. But nobody would ever fire any rifle with that much force in ejecting the spent shell.

If Chapman gave any evidentiary or factual basis for the belief that the fatal shot came from the Dal-Tex vldg., I'd like to know.

If either the Stiles or Ford libraries has a copy of the 1/27/64 transcript reflecting how they altered it, historically that would be interesting and I'd appreciate a copy. It also might be of interest to one I know who is working on a book now.

The deletion in Truly's testimony about Daugherty need not have been of anything beneficial to Oswald's interest. It could have been damaging to D's and for this reason qualify for withholding. This is consistent with what we know about D. As it is, D did testify that he saw Oswald enter the TSBD and that he then carried no package at all. That was helpful to O's interest and not deleted.

Yes, you did sent me that memo on what could be done about Redlich.

If you still have trouble getting through to Chapman and want to see him, why not write him telling him what I say above about the dent and that you've not been able to get past his nurse in trying to see him again? It may interest him.

Best wishes,

11-13-82

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Got your letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you. I had meant to write a couple of times to keep in touch, but didn't feel much like doing anything. My wife and I went through a bad time in the last several weeks and divorce was brought up. Our troubles stem from the usual things, not my interest in the JFK murder, but with the stress I wasn't able to concentrate on any research. I had planned on visiting the Ford Library again, but didn't make it. My days off will be all weekends until Dec. 6/7, and I do want to get out there before Michigan's infamous winter settles in. So if all goes well I plan to make it out there then. Things look a little better for my wife and I so the stress is not as bad now. Did I ever mention Dr. E. Forrest Chapman? I got in touch with him through a man I met who was a patient of his. I talked to Chapman on the phone in early Oct., and at that time he was willing to meet me and discuss the assassination. I've called his office several times and each time his nurse says that he said he's real busy and to call back next week. I'm due to call back again this coming week-maybe he's gotten cold feet, but may meet with me, as he's never said he changed his mind. He ~~td~~ told me on the phone that he did get to see the autopsy X-rays and photos. He believes that the fatal head shot was fired from the Dal-Tex bldg. He said that the bullet shown in "Six Seconds in Dallas" that had a crimp in the lip also had a noticeably deeper impression in the primer where the firing pin hits. He feels this means a bullet was fired and recovered to provide a link to the Carcano, then either the empty hull or a weakly reloaded shell was slipped into the Carcano, which he feels WAS fired by LHO (who only fired twice according to him). It doesn't fit too well with me, but everyone has their own opinion. I still hope to visit him and discuss his feelings in depth. He makes the 3rd medical person I know of in the Detroit area who has had some connection to the JFK case, the others being Humes and Werner Spitz.

Enclosed are some newspaper clippings I've been saving-may be of general interest. The one goofy article is from the Fall issue of Harvard Lampoon.

I didn't know it was in the issue when I got it. At first I was kind of angry, but this magazine mocks everything so one must consider the source.

I will pay attention to anything I run across on references to Ruby, defectors, and Henry Wade. I haven't yet seen the second box of Stiles' papers, the one that has the WC records init. I will when I get there in a few weeks.

I agree that the withheld Truly testimony probably deals with Dougherty. When Truly is discussing him in Vol. 3, a portion is deleted. What did ~~he~~ Dougherty say that was beneficial to LHO?

The only things on Redlich I recall in the files were a magazine from 1953 with an article he co-authored, and in a different file was that typed, unsigned paper ~~asking~~ asking what to do about "Mr. R"? - had a list of possibilities inc. firing, giving him low level assignments, or even giving him no work at all but keeping him on the payroll. I'm pretty sure I sent you a copy of that paper, but if not let me know and I'll make another one.

Things are about as well as can be expected here - rumor is that the plant^I work at should be safe at least a couple of years, kids are passing in school, even my brother who was laid off (he's a reported) found another job. So things are not bad. Hope this finds all well with you, and have a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas. I'll send anything of interest I run across, and a copy of everything I get at the Ford Library. Best wishes and keep up the good fight.

Sincerely,



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