

Harold, I am so enthusiastic about the Mrs. Arnold deposition (Nov. 26, '63).

Did you ever think you saw (in the very clear photos of the Altgens shot) a bracelet or watch on the left wrist of the figure in the doorway? Is there any way this could be determined by enlargement?

Did I refer you to the depositions that prove to me the falseness of Jarman's statements on his 9:30 confrontation with Lee? If so, forgive me for repeating it. (I had to smile when you mentioned my "files". This is the most catastrophic collection of confusion, almost equal to the methods of the Warren Commission. I have at least three months work ahead when I get around to sorting my "papers" on the case! Actually, I had started doing it two days before I received your recent letter. I had left most of my things in the garage and was beginning to realize that the elements were getting to them.)

Please look at Commission Exhibit No. 1358 (Vol.22, p. 598). You have probably already mentioned this, but without indexing I can't be sure. There are roughly two or three pages of statements (following the Barnett one) from police officers who were in and around the Dealey Plaza area that morning. (In the police log and in other places in the testimony, the same points are made.) Notice that it was raining ~~up~~ until 11:00 am according to Barnett. (We knew, of course, that it had been raining all morning. Pictures taken IMMEDIATELY AFTER the assassination show police officers in Dealey Plaza still wearing rain slickers and plastic protective devices for their caps.) Barnett mentions the main fact concerning the people who viewed the President along Houston and Elm: they were almost exclusively employees of buildings in the area; they were employees of Dal-Tex, the TSBDB, the Records Building, the jail, the post office across the way, rr employees, etc. Therefore, the collection of people in Dealey Plaza did not even begin to form until 11:30 at the earliest. As we know, no one in the city (in the downtown area) expected the motorcade before noon. In fact, it was planned for the noon hour and advertised that way. Therefore, for Jarman to claim that at 9:30 that morning while it was still raining people were gathering on the corners of Dealey Plaza to view the Presidential motorcade is sheer absurdity.

Even on Main, where the gathering of people was the most intense, there was no mass collected until 11:30. Here in Barnett's deposition we even have the statement that the rain was falling at 11 am still. What, then, can we make of Jarman's lame explanation that at 9:30 am Friday morning Lee Oswald looked out from the first floor of the TSBDB and asked why people were gathering on the street corners. Actually Oswald asked this question of Jarman around 12. Certainly not sooner than 11:30. If we take into account Jarman's statement as to where he was before noon, however, then we must place this alleged confrontation with Lee no sooner than 12:05, 12:10, which, of course, fits in with Mrs. Arnold's statement.

Now, I must ask you one other question which perhaps you can put to rest for me. Early in '64 I was told by one of two men (reporters) that Ochs V. Campbell had seen Lee just minutes before the shots were fired ON THE FIRST FLOOR in a small storage closet in the area.

At the time I did not put too much significance into the story because Truly's statements had also been revealed in regard to his confrontation with Lee directly after the assassination in the second floor lunchroom. I told myself at that point perhaps the two stories had somehow been confused in the reporter's mind (although I asked him about this and he insisted these were two separate stories). I waited, of course, for the Warren Report (and the 26 volumes). As you know, Campbell was not called before the Commission. There has been no further mention of the Oswald-Campbell confrontation so far as I know. I have been told that it is almost as hard to talk to Campbell now about the assassination as it is to talk to Wesley Frazier about it.

This story came to me ~~from~~ from one of two reporters. It was either Don Janxson of the NY Times or Jim Standard of the Daily Oklahoman. Should it be pursued, or do you think it is a waste of time? At any rate, the story has re-intrigued me based on Mrs. Arnold's deposition and Jarman's obviously rigged (changed) story.

I also have caught Robertson in what I am sure is a piece of perjury. Robertson is Hugh Aynesworth's friend. I believe I have evidence to show that Aynesworth convinced Robertson to perjure himself in order to spare Aynesworth a possible appearance at the Commission. But why? If I have not told you this story and if you are interested, let me know and I'll detail it for you. I wrote to Sylvia about it because it bothered me so, but cannot remember if I wrote you or not. Aynesworth has indeed been a troublemaker through much of this, but to feel as convinced as I do now that he made a strong effort to distract attention from his activities on November 22 bothers me. I am very possibly wrong; however, I have Aynesworth's own statement to me (July, 1964, taped, but poorly) which stands in direct contradiction to Robertson's (Reiland was not questioned).

Aynesworth in my opinion is one of the bigger rats in that sordid Dallas slum. Not that he was involved in the assassination in any way; that's ridiculous. He did, however, make haste afterwards to prostitute himself to each and every source. What a sorry bastard he is.

I feel so sure that as you say we are entering anew era. I don't have your confidence in LIFE. They are pigs. On the other hand, you probably know this even better than I do, so if you can use them, please do it and with my blessing.

I am still reading your book. And also bought a copy of WW 2 off the stands. I want a copy of everything in every form. I am hopeful you are having a good sale.

Am certainly in accord with your recent expressions of Castorr. I foolishly thought (by your last letter) that he had convinced you he was an Adlai Stevenson liberal!

Did you see the piece in the papers about Kennedy's Addison's disease? You know the story was everywhere in Oklahoma and Texas (Louisiana?) before the assassination that the disease had reached Kennedy's brain and that he was manic-depressive. Of course, this was absurd, but it is surprising the people who believed it. In my opinion the Bobby Baker crowd believed it and administered the coup de grace.

Harold, even though I get impatient with you sometimes, I think you're wonderful. Forgive me for going off on a tangent about Castorr. Be a good boy. Love, S.