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Dear Mr. Maniewicz,

Interesting that you refer to "the Keystone Coroners." Oliver Stone may, despite his professed inability to understand what I wrote him, recall that I used "Keystone Kops." But the short answer to your question is that I have begun a book. It has the tentative title, "Twenty-eight Years of Silence."

I have the title chapter in rough, and I do mean rough, draft. I'll be able to pick more of my typos and confabulations by not reading and correcting it until time passes.

I have begun several other chapters, one only a little so I won't forget. As at 79 with all the other things that intrude I do ^{forget} as once I didn't.

I can do with those characters what nobody else can because I have knowledge none of the other critics, real but mostly imagined, has.

I propose to use, you may recall my reference to ^{intellectual} "intellectual judo," them to disprove the Warren Report with absolutely definitive evidence, all official. The sole question will be the attention it gets.

It is not only that they really were Keystone Coroners, they lied and lied and lied.

So after the few introductory chapters, which in parts as I recall already written use official documents that Mr. Stone would have done well to use, I will take the JAMA article from the top and establish both ^{their} the falsehood and the truth. With documents and pictures, all official,

With editing and with attention I think it may well be the definitive work on the subject, thanks to these Keystoners, and what they enable me to use in their fine context.

Of the introductory chapters I refer to above, the one on which I've done more writing leaves it without any question at all that the crime itself was never investigated and was ~~never intended~~ ^{never intended} to be investigated. I have this on the highest possible level. Going along with it I have the refusal to investigate on the FBI ^{agent} street level and what it was they refused to investigate and what it shows. Can you imagine, for example, the FBI refusing a copy of a picture that shows the President being killed, the FBI's words, and the positions of all the people in his limo, because it could "not be used for identification purposes," or no Oswald with a smoking gun? Besides which it could be used for identification purposes, where witnesses were, who the witnesses were, etc.

It is not easy to exaggerate the extent or the seriousness of their lying. As one example, Humes says he burned his notes. I have the receipt for them. He says he was completely free. He was forced to make changes in what he had in his autopsy holograph of which somewhere I have 35mm of the original and I also have a xerox of it. What he really burned was the original holograph- and he burned it as soon as he knew Oswald was dead and there would be no trial! *In his rec. room, in its fireplace.*

My medical problems and the limitations they impose upon me keep me from going to the movies, so I've not seen JFK. I know only what they say about what he said about big brass at the autopsy, that they were the military aides. False, Admirals and generals were there, the surgeon general at the Navy personally ordered that some examinations not be made and they were not related to any alleged restrictions imposed by Bobby. Who imposed none there or before the Commission.

I ramble as I hasten. I ask that you and Mr. Stone do not repeat what I tell you to his collection of those I regard as nuts and me as experts.

As soon as Katzenbach, then also acting attorney general, knew that Oswald was ^{dead} dead and there would be no trial he spoke to Hoover, whose agreement he got, and then wrote out (I have the holograph) a memo to LBJ via ^{Bill} Moyers saying that the public must be satisfied that ~~xxxx~~ Oswald was the assassin; that he had no confederates at large; and that the evidence was such he would have been convicted at trial. ^{noon} That was Sunday afternoon, 11/24/63. It was ^{of} returned early the next morning when he had help, and I have the DJ and FBI file copies. Moyers phoned LBJ ^{Sunday} ~~that~~ night, a little before 9. LBJ then phoned, in this order, Hoover and Katzenbach. I have the phone logs.

Katzenbach also urged the appointment of what became the Warren Commission in that memo.

I think documentation like this, after proving that they lied in saying they'd been silent for 28 years, lays a real foundation for their ^{addressing} substantive lies and other mis-^{accusations and testimony} representations about their work and what they said ^{That} as I said will be thoroughly documented.

This is the chapter I ^{plan} to return to as soon as my circumstances permit. I do have many medical interruptions and I am a small publisher who has to package and mail his own books.

As of now I have only one major medical interruption next week, a sleep ^{apnea} test at Johns Hopkins which will keep me awake for about 20 hours before it begins and will be a short sleep with 25 sets of wires attached to me with a mask on my face. So I can't expect to be able to do much when I'm home Tuesday ^{afternoon}.

Aside from their seriousness as medical problems the many I've survived interfere with my working. Writing this reminded me. I have to get up and walk ^{around} a bit every 20 minutes or so. If I do not, and I didn't, the blood gets ^{down} into my legs but can't get back. This is why I must type with my legs elevated, to ^{make} a little return circulation ~~xxxx~~ possible. Plus I tire easily.

So I can't forecast when I'll be done. Because I have no help it will take me longer. But I'll evolve a draft that can be used and will be accurate and will have no theorizing in it. It will be factual and it will be documented and the documentation will not be subject to reasonable questioning.

I'm not even thinking of outlining the major parts that will address JAMA. There are several reason. One is that the material is just too vast to remember it all in advance and the other is that following the JAMA articles provides an outline and will bring enough of the documentation to mind. *and will fall into chapters.*

My published work is little known. However, it has always been readily available. Here you have JAMA and its pathologist editor restricting themselves entirely to what the autopsists say and all they say is what they said in the faulted autopsy. ^{Or,} they are right ^{only} because they said they are right. I've published an abundance of proof that they were ^{not} right, some pretty sordid records I found hidden in the Archives both endorsing ^{the sordid} it and "validating" it. There is no excuse for the pathologist editor restricting himself to what Humes and Boswell say and no excuse for ignoring the published and available disproof. I think also it may be more dramatic using the published facsimiles of the original documentation than digging out my originals. ^{And much faster, for me.}

I am, if you are interested, quite prepared to go over specifics and ~~my~~ details with you and show you the documentation but it has not been safe for me to drive out of Frederick since 1977 and I haven't. I bleed on mere touch so I do no unnecessary travelling. In practise this has been virtually 100% medical, and then I'm driven. I refuse to be driven to TV studios in limos. So I invite you up. We are only about an hour or so from your office.

Because of the sleep apnea, which can be quite serious, I keep abnormal hours. I sleep as late as I can remember in recent weeks last night. But I was up before 2. Night before it was 11:30. So I aim for 7 bedtime.

If you would care to do this may I recommend a Saturday or a Sunday? And we are but 15 minutes from the fine, small Oriental restaurant of friends whose food is as good as you get in Washington or elsewhere.

I think you are a bit optimistic when you say the Keystone Koroners are getting discredited bit by bit. They did what they wanted to do and bit by bit means nothing at all. To be discredited they must be utterly destroyed. I am confident that if what I'll do gets attention none of them will dare testify as a ~~sex~~ pathologist again.

And the result will be the utter end of any crediting of the Warren "report." *or them.*

I do not know "why the AMA chose this particular time to repeat the silliness of the Warren "commission" but I have a hunch that at the least it involves "undberg's personal desire. I believe he tried to do the same thing for the 25th assassination anniversary and got no cooperation.

Best wishes,
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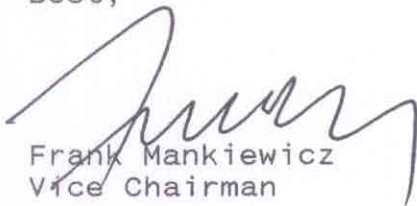
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Both Oliver Stone and I are indeed still interested in this matter, and I'd like to know what you have in mind with respect to the AMA document. The Keystone Coroners seem to be getting discredited, bit by bit, but I would still like to know why the AMA chose this particular time to repeat the silliness of the Warren Commission.

Best,



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