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Dear Gary,

In the strange hours I live at about 3:20 this morning I finished the lengthy rough draft of an Afterword intended for NEVER AGAIN! It is about 10,000 words. And at that, so much did I see of value in what you sent me, that I did not use what I think is important on the other side of this page. This was an extra copy made by mistake when I first saw that interview report. *(changed mind + added it)*

I have written this giving you as my source without stating that you are the one who first got them from the Archives but also not saying that you were not. It just leaves that open.

After writing you I again read the Ebersole transcript. I then loaned it to my friend and local history professor, Jerry McKnight so he could copy it and use it in his teaching. So I cannot at this moment cite the specific pages I referred to earlier when I wrote you a caution I hoped you would give to Mantik.

Although the questioning was not aimed at developing the truth, Ebersole did attest to "artifacts" on the X-rays, ranging from dust to blisters. As I recall it he said that the blisters could have come from the original processing or from heat when viewed.

This then made me wonder whether the X-rays Mantik was permitted to examine were the originals or whether duplicates were made for examination.

I believe that if Mantik saw blisters he would recognize them.

And that made me wonder whether duplicates were made for examination.

Those records you were kind enough to send me tell an astounding story about HSCA and its medical panel as well as about some of the staff.

They lead me to believe that there must be more like it and to hope that there will be some who will examine the other records, which have to be quite extensive, without seeking to prove or disprove any theory or theories but simple to extract from them what they really do reflect and mean about that committee and about the assassination.

Again, I do appreciate your thoughtfulness very much!

Best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg

Dear Gary,

3/17/94

I thought I had an address for Dr. David Mantik but it turns out I do not. And perhaps I was confused, perhaps it was you who was kind enough to send me copies of some of the HSCA records now available. I've finished going over all but the thick document, a medical panel meeting at the archives. I want if possible to be able to read that without stopping, and I'm a slow reader. So, I'll appreciate it if you will please communicate this to him.

I did find the file quite interesting not the least because it is an unintended indictment of the HSCA and of the competence of its people-very low! There were so many leads in this to follow and they didn't! *glad to have it, Mantik!*

I use this extra xerox to illustrate that in copying the O'Neill affidavit the bottoms of pages were cut off. I'd appreciate full pages. I found his and Sibert's statements quite interesting and with good leads and information.

And I'm opening the letter I wrote earlier to enclose this. The windchill was too much for me to go out. And I got this ribbon with the red by accident.

In the Kelly-Purdy memo of 8/29/77 on their interview with Jenkins, apropos of what I said earlier, on page six there is this: "He said repeated X-rays were taken by a "...third class x-ray technician."

As I told you long ago, I fear that having not much choice you people have been influenced by those you believe have knowledge whereas their major interest is in promulgating their theories. I then mentioned Lifton. If Mantik's New York appearance was under Livingstone's influence, the same goes for him. Only he has even less knowledge of the official evidence. And I fear that many will hold helping Livingstone against him because the rotten things he has been doing. Really rottener than you can either of you have any way of even guessing. And his interviews not infrequently are both angled and twisted.

One of the more interesting disclosures in these records, while it is of the obvious, that the FBI knew that the fragments in the head could not have come from 399 and knew that the night of the assassination and makes no reference to this in anything is one of the items that the HSCA should have followed up. Notice that SA Killion in the Lab, from this record, immediately told Sibert of O'Neill that a different kind of bullet had been found.

The ill-wind saying is pertinent. This morning it let me get this done. But I sure miss and feel my greatly reduced walking since about Xmas and with it the limited physical therapy I'm permitted! Again thanks to you both,

*Best,
Kerold*