

Dear Dave and Jerry,      Commission Documents Computerized      7/19/92

Col. John Masland, who had been sent overseas unexpectedly the last two times he was to have been here, phoned yesterday morning and then came to return several things he had borrowed. He had his portable computer with him. He brought it to show me what he has done with the microfilm copies of the Commission's numbered documents, the CDs. It perhaps amazed me more because I have had no experience with computers. I did find it to be quite impressive. I do not know all the searches it can command or anything at all, really, about the software he used but he did demonstrate that it provides lists of the documents provided by each agency, list by their authors (he demonstrated this by getting it to list all the FBI Dallas reports by Gemberling and Hosty), some by subject, and on this I do not know the degree to which he can retrieve by subject, but he was able to get it to tell him the number of the Aberdeen shooting tests in which I am interested, albeit not the report I wanted (so we decided that it must be a CE rather than a CD), and I can't remember all else it can search and list, of what he told me it can do.

He plans to do the Commission Exhibits next.

He either has or will get the microfilm of some unnumbered Commission records. He mentioned the Key Persons files, perhaps others of those not numbered.

I have the impression that when he has computerized all he intends to he will make it available. I asked him about Hood and he said he would.

Just as DoB keeps him (his retirement was cancelled for a year by Cheney the day before it was to have been formalized) I am flabbergasted that he could also get this much work done. Not that I know how much work that represents, knowing nothing about the work required to computerize, but it only begins by reading all the numbered Commission documents.

although he is or was a Green Beret, I think he is by training an engineer.

No matter how pressed he is for time he always has a spray of fresh cut flowers for me. Yesterday was no exception, even though he said he'd be here in about an hour and was, beginning at his home in Springfield, Va., which is south of the Pentagon. We had a local friend who worked in Springfield and the trip took him a half-hour longer!

Not long after he left Dave Perry, the insurance investigator from near Dallas and his wife Nicole came, soon to be joined by Al Cunniff, of Catonsville. Dave has been specializing in exposing the Ricky White fabrications and on the disclosed Dallas police records. Gary Mack had charged him with getting my TV and VCR working properly and they were not able to do it. I'd kidded Gary by telling him that the VCR cassette he had sent me of the five-part JFK news shows Mike Snyder had done and for which he had interviewed me is what put the Fritz on them. This was because it happened when I looked at the incomplete cassette, the person making the dud having selected a blank that ran for 22 minutes only. I now have and have not looked at the full one, which includes an interview with the current Dallas SAC, Buck Revill (?), formerly of the DC office.

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