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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I want to make immediate response to your typed letter, expect a broadcast by phone momentarily and then will have to take a nap so I can do a late night one.

Thus I have to be brief.

My response to your long handwritten letter appears to have crossed this undated one.

Printing the Zapruder frames presents legal problems, of ownership. To do what you suggest, if it had the capability you believe, would require using frames other than those used by the Commission. I believe it would sell well but would not have impact where it counts today. A majority of the people don't believe the official account anyway. The film alone is not enough to decide the Congress.

You say the girl who then lived near you "said that she was in the emergency room at Parkland when JFK was brought in."

This also means that she was promptly ejected. She could not, except as a hospital employee, have remained in it. If I have time I'll check the Price exhibits to see if there was a girl in the room as a patient then.

Shelia [six] Cox had an X-ray, or not in that room. She was then 14.

Ida Beckham had abdominal pain. She was 17.

Cox and Kennedy were in Area S, a minute apart from the erroneous entry (time and entry for Kennedy and Connally reversed.) Beckham ~~was in Area G. Connally also Area S.~~

These areas appear to have adjoined. X-ray was off to the side. I presume the entries refer to where the patient was supposed to go prior to or after X-ray. So, Cox may have been assigned to Area S.

I don't think she'd have travelled this distance because of abdominal pain. The need of an X-ray could account for it. So, I guess you could be referring to Cox.

If she was merely in the area she might know something. It would be worthwhile to find out.

However, I also believe that the possibility of learning something from her, balanced against the possibility of serious misuse, makes me discourage you if you cannot do this with confidentiality. There are too many people down there who genuinely ~~believe~~ believe in what they are doing who also happen to be doing what is very hurtful. So are plain nuts. They repeat any wild rumor and magnify with repetition. When the Rockefeller Report comes out you'll get a sample of the consequences.

So, if you can locate her and will do it without talking to others down there and if she was in the vicinity and is not afraid to answer questions, I'll give you some to ask her. She may be scared because of Roger Craig's suicide. If you speak to her, please ask in general for an account of where she was and what she saw and heard. If you have a tape recorder and she is not afraid, please use it and send me the tape. This will tell me more than what you can remember. If she wants this to remain confidential, I will respect that.

Thanks, sincerely,

Harold Weisberg