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Dear Dr. Minton,

Please excuse my use of this oldpaper and my brevity. An unexpected and sudden fever of several days that broke during the night has left me weak so I'm using what is at hand.

And that for the enclosures. There remains an mystery about the alleged Oswald attempt to shoot McDonald because the FBI report says there was no mark on the bullet or that no hammer struck it. There also is no chain of possession on that pistol.

I do now recall the Jenkins letter. Would it, aside from the great pressure on those doctors, be more consistent with what he now says if in the penultimate paragraph he had dictated "to" ~~instead~~ <sup>instead</sup> of "and" in (temporal an occipital)? (Exhibit No. 9 in what?)

I've done no more real work on the brain damage than Post Mortem reflects for several reasons. One is that when I discovered that the Commission had not published all the frames of the Zapruder film that it had gotten from LIFE I got the Archives to add them to the tray and let me examine them with care, in considerable projected enlargement. As JFK turns to his left the back of the head is clearly visible and it is intact. There was then no visible blood on the shirt collar or jacket. Another reason relates to the condition-  
ing of recollection by ~~the~~ <sup>all</sup> the interviews by those arguing a preconception rather than seeking fact. And then, of course, the pressures on them.

As you may remember, I explain the inability to probe the back wound in Post Mortem. The prosecutors were not very bright or they'd have known it.

With regard to what you say about JAMA, I am, under some difficulties, writing a book on that outrageous think Lundberg did. The tentative title is "28 Years of Silence." (Not one was silent! As to a degree I'm right now documenting in what I laid aside because of this fever. Boswell in particular was interviewed often, as probably by now Lundberg has learned.) prepared the first reporter who interviewed him.) While I'm not now confident about the writing quality of what I'm producing, I am confident about the fact.

You refer to a JAMA castigation of the autopsy in the late 1960s. I'd appreciate a copy of that. I have what was leaked to it for the 1/4/64 issue. It was also castigated by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

There is no question, the Dallas doctors could not have been more specific in describing the anterior neck wound as of entrance. I have the text of their press conference. Clark was with Perry when he said this at least two and perhaps three times. And all the papers did carry it immediately, as UPI did in the story of two days later that I'm glad to get. (Years ago, when I expected to deposit all I have with the Wisconsin Historical Society at the Stevens Point university, I gave that university all my clippings in the belief I'd have no more need for them.) I have since shifted this deposit to local Hood

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Enclosed is the copy of the Jenkins letter. I would like to thank you for your letter of 6/17/92 and I hope you are feeling much better. I certainly agree with you that the various so-called "critics" have conditioned various people with questions in the past. Some of those answers, obviously, are suspect. However, various doctors and nurses of Parkland Hospital after the assassination did describe wounds as Dr. Jenkins described them. Some differed in that they also described the parietal area, which was involved in the final analysis, along with the temporal and occipital areas. It is absolutely amazing to me how Dr. Jenkins could write this letter on the very day of the assassination and now have some type of memory lapse stating that he made a mistake referring to the cerebrum as "cerebellum". Also, according to the letter enclosed, he described the wound in the exact area of the brain where the cerebellum is enclosed. Other physicians and nurses also commented that these above areas of the brain were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. As you point out, whether or not President Kennedy's cranium was hit by one, two, or more bullets, this is not essential to establish that the assassination was an end product of conspiracy. Also, the shirt of President Kennedy as appears in Post Mortem reflects blood on the shirt basically on the left side, on the collar and below this region. The right side does not reflect a great deal of bleeding. However, President also had a coat on at the time and bleeding may have occurred here. I have not studied the photograph of the coat as closely. Also, The President was leaning to the left in the arms of Mrs. Kennedy which could also explain the left sided blood stains.

I think what bothers me most of all about this entire matter when we talk in terms of the autopsy and what is going on now in JAMA, etc., is that, as you point out in great detail in Post Mortem, Drs. Boswell and Hume and Finck never dissected the back wound. They also kept moving the back wound up toward the neck to correspond with the anterior neck wound. They characterized the anterior neck wound as an exit wound

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when, in fact, most doctors and nurses that saw this wound referred to it as an entrance wound. The autopsy became a "reversal" for purposes obviously of cover up where the back and neck wounds were connected. Even JAMA, in the late 1960's, castigated the autopsy on President Kennedy. As you say, it was not even fit for a bum. All in all, the revisionists are at work and this has to be ended. There is no question about it. The truth has to be told, and can be told, and I think that we have enough facts even now for the truth to be known by the general public. This autopsy report in JAMA and in People Magazine basically was a disgrace to the intelligence of the American people. If you notice, Drs. Boswell and Hume did not even allude to the neck and the back wound in the People Magazine article. In the JAMA article, they stated what is already known--that the back wound was characterized as an entrance which formed a tunnel, which they never dissected and could not probe beyond the first joint of an index finger, the bullet grazing the apex of the lung, leaving a small trail of particulate matter and exiting through the throat, grazing the left side of the tie, which it did not, and entering into Governor Connolly, which also it did not. I am sure that after you read the Jenkins letter you will probably recall having seen it before. It is a very important one in my judgement in that it really shows to me the extent of this cover up.

If I may be of any further assistance to you in any matter regarding the Kennedy assassination and if you would like me to do any amount of work for you regarding this matter, I would be happy to do so, depending on available time. Again, I hope you are feeling better and keep up your work in this matter. It has been very helpful to me and to others studying this and trying to reach for the truth.

Sincerely yours,



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