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Dear Gary,

although you have not had time to look ned up since you wrre here, i have decided to write you this letter the ellipsis of which is not accidental. you will recall that i asked you to find out why he delayed so long returning nt thinkd to me, why he never responded to my repeated requests, an why he has failed to provide the assurances that he has shown the documents and writing to nobody, as agreed, and has in no aay made any use of any of it.

i told you that i regard his failure to do what with most men their consciences and self-respect, if not their integrity, would have dictated is inconsistent with my feelings about ned and his character. i also did not hide my beliefs about an ego involvement he might not recognize or be aware of and said that this is what i fear more than any native crookedness, which i have never believed flaws his character and still do not.

i now have what i regard as solid proof that ned has breached my trust. i think this has to be resolved quickly and rapidly. this, among other things, means to me that he may have an additional emotional involvement that may also avoid conscious awareness.

when i add these thing to what i do not hesitate to describe as an unmanly refusal to respond to what i think most people would regard as reasonable and obvious questions and the state of his emotional involvement th_{at} was so clear when he was here the last time and in his subsequent letters, i feel more than that writing him would do no good, not get an answer if the many other letters did, and that his normal defense mechanism would be to take offense, to transfer in his mind. he would only, among other things, get angrier at me for what he, not i, did. so i am writing to ask you to seek him out as soon as you possibly can, for, although i know how busy you are, this is important and i must cope with it, as i have been to your knowledge in ways that i now more than ever must insist you keep in total confidence because of what i have learned, in fact, have i by possession, sine you wrre here. shoul you want to give ned a copy of this letter, i enclose a copy. if you do not, please return it so i will have an extra copy in the event some misrepresentation of it comes back to me, a possibility the record makes seem possible, for it has happened before.

let me make it as clear as i can. i am not now asking what i earlier asked, if ned had made any use of my work and materials. he did. i am asking him to say all that he did, with any of it, including what is copyrighted.

no time for more. the bad thumb, while still not painful, is ~~writ~~ swollen so i can't jar it. i have added a second splint hat does keep it from bending, but using the hand at all in typing does jar it. no weeping today, but i am taking no chances of any kind an if the swelling does not soon go down, i will go back to the doctor.

heard from paul v. yesterday. they did carry a story on your conference. he and i missed it because of the section in which it was. when he has time, p.v. intends to try and carry the baltimore part further. and i have written the friend of whom i spoke to see if his people see the book i described. p.v. was much impressed.

best,

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Dear Howard,

you did right to send me the ned article, as you did to over-ride jerry's judgement, which you card puts as "suggesting i not send it to you 'cause you'd have a shit fit." your comment is also in point, "Poor judgement. You should have seen this." you do not say why. because, as you can see, i a, not having a fit, aside from whatever impelled you to evaluate jp's judgement as poor, i want o address one aspect, for among the thing jp has to learn is how the weak fight the strong and in general how to fight and look forward to something more meaningful than martyrdom. i think that you should, when you have time, discuss this jp for several reasons, including his learning and so that he will not make the same mistake again.

i had intended writing you about something else and may. my thumb is swollen, which means typing with one hand, and my mind works much too rapidly for me to try and write this slowly. and, until i get sun lighting from the side, posting the corrections in the intro to pm can not be done safely because of the dangers of shadows remaining.

as you and jp both know from when i was sending you copies of my letters to ned because he was sending his to you, we had a specific agreement that he would under no circumstances discuss any of the contents of p.m. to anyone without my advance approval. he sought it in one case, a man named harder who is a friend of john cowles, who he wanted to interest in publishing condensation. now it took me months to get my stuff back, many unanswered letters. finally, after i knew of the lattimer thing, i get it back in a rush. my unanswered requests include his assurances that he has kept his word and also has not made any copies. to date no response, and my most recent repetition was when you were here.

as you also know, i have been trying to figure out why this crazy thing was done, why it was done at this time, not, say, 10/29 or two years hence. you should know that there was no need to do anything and that there was no demand and less public interest than ever. you know other things, too, but these alone require that we see if we can find an acceptable answer to why this was done at all and especially at this time. the only answer i can think of is to decrease or eliminate the possibilities of my raising money to print p.m., the contents of which ned and you alone among the critics know (last and hottest part, that is) and to eliminate, as it would, any possibility of commercial interest, which any such story in the times could be expected to accomplish. how among those ned planned to interview are only those i nailed to the wall--or those all of whom have a strong interest in killing this book. i refused but offered what even gary says is a very fair substitute: when the full book was printed and before binding, send them copies and solicit responses to be printed in the appendix. i even told ned, as you may remember, that were they to call me the worst kinds of names i'd print that. he would not agree, feeling that his unique genius would get from them abject confessions in interviews. he sits ob a board with at least one of these cats.

so i have two problems, aside from ned's emotional ones: has he broken his word, and if so, how and to what degree, and why this whole business now? this means any kind of clue may be important. incidently, grs has agreed to push ned for an answer. we had a long, long talk about this and what is related and grs heard those phone conversations that logically followed the ones you heard, same guy, new info. important, too, and very much bearing on this.

i read the clip in haste in town this a.m. and it is not now important enough to reread. i'll file it under ned with this whether or not i reread later. there is a clue in it that i noticed in skimming. careful reading may indicate more. two clue, one to ned's incompetence and lack of understanding. he got this story because of heft, and the length not from quality on content. the most comprehensible single criticism of what latt. said is that it is totally and completely impossible. next, no criticism of government is interesting when there can be no question that lattimer could not qualify under the contract and all those refused did. in a two-column story? were i paranoid and looking for an agent establishing a cover, i'd say this fits. but i do not think it. i point out how bad it is. but the simple, obvious and comprehensible things ned does not say.

of course, there is no patent on criticism of the single-bullet theory. what interests me is that of all the formulations possible, ned used one from p.m. sole coles to that formulation i think it is almost word for word.

it is relatively minor that ned did not know of no neck fragments in the autopsy report until he read p.m., which thus becomes his source, that he ha made no independent study of any kind, all of his knowledge coming from reading books. so, he took this from the panel part of p.m., which he was condensing. the incompetence of it is apparent when you understand what you do, and to those without that knowledge when they consider that without knowing the size and weight of the new frags one can draw no conclusions from them slone. but one with your knowledge knows that this treatment, which is inadequate, could have been overwhelming if ned had done any work or really understood the stuff.

one of the keys to the plagiarism and the violation of his word is his wrong description of the panel as "four pathologists". and next is the overt plagiarism from this same part of p.m. and nowhere else, the placing of the hole in the head, attributed to the panel as "four inches higher than the original autopsy". now this is an error i made on purpose. the correct formulation is that their measurement of the x-rays places it 100 mm higher. i know the usual scale. only if the exposure was life-size can it be said as i said it, for my own n to this day i think unexplained reasons, thus only by stealing what he had promised to keep in confidence and what i do have copyrighted could he have repeated a wrong formulation, as in passing i note sm also did also without attribution. as you know, even if he were using the n.o. testimony, he knew he was using my work. but he cannot have used that, if he even has it, because this is not at all what finck testified to and it is what he disputed rather forcefully.

when you consider the puffery of ned that follows, i think it enough to say q.e.d.

but so you will know, i put it this way as a trap for the panel that, if i did not tell you, you might want to thing about.

i may or may not write grs about this because he is in the middle. i may or may not write ned, but if i do it will be a provocative, short letter. i'll send you and jp copies if i do. i will not immediately. GRS has been back only 5 days. i should give him a week, and unless something else happens or is about to, i will give him at least that much, unless i decide on a very simple, general thing to tip him off without telling him what the proof is.

so, as his friends, let us address dear jp, of who i do feel as i would of a son. but i have learned also that most of the younger ones resent what they describe as my fatherly attitude. therefore, you being closer to his age and younger, i hope you will see fit to address this which you correctly describe as an error in judgement in your own way. you did not tell me your reasons, but i do give you some of mine. and something with which you may disagree and i ask you to keep strictly confidential. jerry's emotional development has not kept up with his years once you get past the penis. he rebels against growing up. so, while in most ways he is quite mature and has a very good mind that he generally uses excellently, please be careful not to formulate anything that in this context could give him offense, and he would take offense at what you, although 7 years younger, most likely would not. carbon me so that when he discusses it with me, as at some point if you persuade

him he will, i will be hep. and, so you will not misunderstand, i do not interpret this as the backfiring of what ned may have caused. i regard that as possible, as i explained to gary, in which event i should know to be able to avoid more hurt to ned, who clearly has emotional problems at the least tied to his great wealth and the current manner of its increase, if you read the papers. both major sources in a single day were attacked by the NIXON administration, getting large tv play. weyerhauser (polution plus) and general mills (monopoly). I am confident he also has others. this merely adds to what i knew to be possible evidence of a willingness to be and a record of being dishonest with this material. and he an ethics major! despite the crap in the paper, he is and he is up to his thesis. one other proble, he faced is the insistence of a mercenary wife that he concentrate on that, after she got him to put all his available cash in an excessively elaborate home. HW

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Area political scientist questions doctor's findings from JFK x-rays

By Catherine Watson
Staff Writer

The conclusions that a New York physician has drawn from x-rays and photographs of the late President John F. Kennedy's body cast serious doubt on the Warren Commission report, a Minnesota political scientist said Sunday.

Statements made Friday by Dr. John K. Lattimer, a urologist who was allowed to see the 65 x-rays, color transparencies and black-and-white negatives taken during the Kennedy autopsy, underscore "serious discrepancies" between the Warren report and the report of the original autopsy, as reprinted in the commission's documents,

Edwin L. Crosby said yesterday.

Crosby, Ridge Road, Shorewood, pointed to Dr. Lattimer's emphasis on the acuteness of the angle of the first bullet to enter the late president's body.

Lattimer told the New York Times Friday that the initial bullet passed through the president's body at a more downward angle than that shown by the drawing released with the Warren report in 1964.



Edwin L. Crosby

who looked at the autopsy materials and made a report supporting the Warren Commission's conclusion. But the panel's findings also differed from the original autopsy report, Crosby pointed out.

The 1968 review panel's report "places the fatal entry wound near the top of the President's head, almost four inches higher than the original autopsy report did," Crosby said, using the panel's report and documents from the commission hearings to support his contentions.

Crosby, 35, holds degrees in psychology and political science from the University of Minnesota and is completing a doctorate in political science there.

He is on the boards of directors of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc.; Operation de Novo (a rehabilitation program for lawbreakers); and the African-American Institute, New York, N.Y.

He has spent "about eight months of full-time work on the assassination of President Kennedy because I initially did not believe it was possible for men of such fine reputations and such obvious intelligence (as the Warren Commission and its staff) to defraud the American people with such poor work," — that is, with the commission report itself.

According to the wishes of the late president's family and the contract under which the autopsy materials are held in the National Archives, Washington, D.C., only "recognized experts in the field of pathology or related areas of science or technology," may see the materials, the New York Times said in reporting Dr. Lattimer's statements.

Dr. Lattimer, 57, is chair-

Minorities

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dents — considerably more than the 1967 figure, but still only slightly more than 2 percent of the 43,000 students on campus.

Some of the largest gains were made in the state's small, private colleges, many of which turned to extensive, out-of-state recruiting efforts to bolster minority enrollments.

The private Macalester College reported about 313 minority students this past fall—which is about three-fifths of all the blacks, American-Indians and Spanish-surnamed students enrolled in the six-college, 39,000-student state college system.

Macalester's minorities, which include about 273 blacks, 25 American Indians and 18 Spanish-surnamed, constitute about 15 percent of the school's 2,000 students. Most were enrolled through the college's Expanded Educational Opportunities program, which brings low-income students to the campus, gives them total financial aid and provides them with whatever extra help they need.

When Fred Easter became director of minority affairs at Carleton College in Northfield in 1968, that college had set a goal of raising its minority enrollment from about 2 percent to 10 percent.

"I was on the road recruiting 9 to 11 weeks that first year," Easter recalled. He traveled throughout the country in search of minority students who might not have the money, test scores or high school record that would ordinarily get them into Carleton, but who still would be capable of handling the work once admitted.

The fruit of Easter's labors is now being realized. This fall the college enrolled 135 minorities (125 of them black) among its approximately 1,500 students — slightly less than

ey, directed their efforts more at American Indians.

Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., with a full-time Indian consultant now on its staff, reported that 10 of its 52 American-born minorities this fall are American Indians. St. Scholastica College in Duluth, Minn., with New Careers and Head Start programs, reported that 9 of its 28 minority students are Indians.

Except for the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus, the largest Indian student enrollment in the state is at Bemidji State College, where state education officials report 146 American Indian students receive financial aid.

An Indian-oriented federal Talent Search program is conducted there, as well as a special services program for any students who need counseling and help.

Bemidji's total enrollment is about 4,500 students.

According to the best estimates from college officials, the six state colleges enroll about 500 American blacks, Indians and Spanish-surnamed students. This amounts to about 1 percent of their total enrollment.

The largest school in the state system, Mankato, with about 12,000 students, reported about 120 minority students this fall, almost double last year's total. About 100 of the students are black.

Several institutions, including Hamline, St. Thomas and St. John's, reported American minority enrollments in the 20- to 30-student range, with just a few additional students in each of the last couple years.

Recent minority enrollment data was not available from all state junior colleges, but in 1970 the minority student enrollment was estimated at 1.4 percent of the 17,500-student

Dr. Lattimer, who said his findings support the Warren Commission's conclusions, stated that "if anyone were to have shot him (Kennedy) from the front, they would have had to be squatting on the floor in front of him."

But if the angle really were that acute, Crosby said yesterday, then that first bullet could not have pierced the president's body and still have continued on to inflict the wounds suffered by Texas Gov. John Connally, who was riding in the seat ahead of Kennedy at the time of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963.

This, Crosby said, destroys the "single-bullet theory" that is crucial to the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was Kennedy's sole assassin.

"If a single bullet did not go through President Kennedy's neck and inflict all of Gov. Connally's wounds," Crosby said, "then the Warren Commission is wrong and there was more than one person shooting."

There are other discrepancies between the Warren report and what Dr. Lattimer says he saw in the autopsy material, Crosby said.

For example, the report of the original autopsy, conducted by three military physicians, as it appears in the 26 volumes of evidence presented before the Warren Commission does not mention any metal in the president's neck, Crosby said.

But Dr. Lattimer stated that the initial bullet which passed through the president's body left two tiny flakes of metal in the tissues along its path, and that these are visible in x-rays of the body.

The Commission report said that the initial bullet, which was later found, lost practically no metal, Crosby said. If the two flakes Dr. Lattimer reports

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Jerry sent me Ned piece suggesting I
not send you cause you'd have "shit fit."
Poor judgement. You should see this. I make
copy for you.

Original Tonkin analysis enclosed
with one Xerox.

Best

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