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Dear Bill,

If this is less coherent than I'd like it to be please call me and I'll read you what I think will make you a page-one exclusive.

I've just returned for a short trip on which I got so little sleep one day I was 25 hours out of bed. It came on top of a long period of little sleep as I push to complete and print Post Mortem. It will be a chapter in that book, a short one. There will be more than a month after I write it before I have printed copies if you'd prefer to see it in the form in which I'll be using it.

Allard Lowenstein's work on the RFK assassination is the first really effective and responsible work on that case. I met with him again yesterday and he'll be using this in his effort to shake that evidence loose. He doesn't have it. All he knows is what I've told him. I tell you this because he may want it before the book is out if he is to succeed and you may want it to be able to take credit for the success it can mean in that case.

The current development is that the essential evidence has disappeared. Well, a month before it disappeared there was what amounts to a conspiracy to suppress it accompanied by a secret preparation to preserve it. The ceiling panel is not mentioned but the pistol, bullet pieces and clothing are.

Rod may remember reading part of this in the xerox of Post Mortem. The part where one of the judges said they could stall everybody for two years and by then Nixon would have changed the complexion of the Supreme Court. That is in an earlier part because I've had this for years. (He should also remember that your "exclusive" on Jackie's suppressed testimony is not exclusive and also is in it because I ~~xxxx~~ started fighting to get that in 1966 and did get it years ago. This illustrates a problem, the one I tried to address by asking if you could get them to shake you loose for a while so you could see how much of this I have that you can use. God know how much I have. I can't remember it any more.)

Of course, if you don't go for this it is confidential.

There was a secret meeting in the chambers of the assistant presiding judge in Los Angeles May 16, 1969 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Also present were the Sirhan Judge Herbert V. Walker, Detective Chief Robert E. Houghton, Deputy District Attorney Robert Pitts, Chief Deputy (court) Clerk Emery Hatcher and two clerks from different departments have to do with record-keeping. Plus the official court reporter. When it concluded at 2:15 p.m. the last thing said - and I have the actual secret transcript - was by Judge Walker, "I don't think I will have this written up at this time..."

All of this and all the palaver on how they'll keep people from getting at the evidence and all there is on the evidence nobody knows about (in papers alone 50,000 pieces that even Lowenstein did ~~kn~~ not know about) was without the presence of defense counsel!

Lowenstein and his associates, which includes CBS, are doing well. But all they have so far is an order on which there is a September 11 meeting on the firing of the pistol. That may or may not be definitive. But this can break the whole thing

apart in that case. There isn't going to be an agreement September 11 because the two sides as of now can't and won't agree on who will do the test firing.

This itemizes some of the other secret evidence none of Sirhan's many lawyers and the man working on the case never tumbled to. Like what the police have besides the Q and A's of witnesses interviews. They interviewed prior to official interrogations, omitting what they did not want from these Q and A's.

Some of it is pretty hairy. Like right at the beginning when of the items of evidence the third time Judge Walker talks he says, expecting never to be exposed, "As far as these are concerned, I am willing to seal them subject to order of the court, and I think I can put it on some kind of ground. I am going to look at it myself and find myself some kind of ground and do it. If the Appellate Court wants to upset us, that is fine." (p.2)

This, of course, meant if the other side, the defense, ever learned of the suppressions and then could appeal. (Pages 29 and 30 and then again on 31 he says this would take not less than two and probably three years to reach the Supreme Court and on 31 "I am hopeful that the nature of the Court will change by then."

Jim Lesar thinks that what I have may be enough to get a reversal on the Sirhan case. We discussed it briefly yesterday when I was giving Lowenstein a rundown on what he can expect from me. I also have a xerox of the police teletype with which the second pistol was ordered destroyed. I think this hasn't been printed. And if this is of interest, I also have a statement from the now dead DA dealing with the proof that the actual killing rather than the shooting was by Sirhan. He used and got away with using the wrong bullet specimen - not the fatal shot.

I did not tell Lowenstein my source because I do not want it duplicated before I can use it. Like with Jackie's testimony and so much more. But in time I will give him all of it and inevitably he will use it. You can first.

If it sounds interesting you can have someone like Rod go over this and write his story here. Or copy this whole thing. I'll have to remember where I have my original hidden. Where it could be located in my files I have a copy of it only. I remember where not in my regular files I have the teletype.

My immediate need is to rush Post Mortem out. I am using what I'm getting from you on what Rod went over for some help on pasting the appendix up and things like that but I'm going to be working long days and I will be home unless there is something really urgent so I can keep working at it. This means that almost any time convenient for you this transcript can be read and used.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg