

dear Bill,

1/22/96

You could be a champion fisherman-if Petsy did the fishing for ~~you~~ you! Thanks for the pictures. God to see them with the weather we've been having and I suppose you returned to. We have ice over most of the lane and probably will until a real thaw. It is 40 now and no sign of water. But slowly the snow is disappearing. The lane is the natural drain for the hillside. Normally there are a couple of narrow paths across the lane where the thawed snow freezes. With the real cloud burst we had last week that got blocked at the end and could not run off we've 3-4 inches of thickness in some places and at least the lower 1/3 is ice. But I've been able to go on come.

By now you should have ^{gotten} the rest of the Brown book. I've at least 25,000 words on paper on Hosty's. I've been trying to get Lifton's Oswald but no local store even has it in its computer. I'll get on that next.

I'm saving ^{the} en clippings for when I'm sitting in the early morning with my coffee. Thanks for them and for your ^{good} article that I'll read then if not sooner.

I know there was money in racing but I'd no idea that much. Crazy!

on a different subject it would be a welcome local story

Not only have we enjoyed the fruit it has enable us to make a gesture to those who have been kind. I gave ^{w/} two of the honeybell tangelos to the man who has been so wonderful in keeping the lane open. One for him, one for his wife. They'd stopped off going home with some groceries they'd gotten for us. Next time I spoke to the wife I asked her how she liked them. She laughed and said he ate them both, the second as soon as he ate the first.

This is also a better size for us. And aside from liking the tangelos they are much easier for me to peel. I do that sitting down, put Lil's half in a plastic bag and then have my metamucil and take the coffee to my desk. And work.

Gery is back for his visit home. Heard from him today. Dave has a terrible cold. Could not recognize his voice yesterday. The lawyers for the Indians like what he has done and really took the time they should have taken to go over it. I'm glad for him, for the Indians and for our history. That should make a fine book.

From the little view I could get of you, father he reminded me of my favorite of Lil's uncles, who was a bit taller. We were also good friends. I have a dim and remote understanding of those things from the picayune ^{chicken} comparison annual chicken cooking contests. We did enjoy the, me more than Lil because I participated and she was just decoration.

And from farm shows of years ago.

I think Dave would like to read that last ^{chapter} Brown ~~shorter~~ although he still has work to do on his Indian expert paper and then later testimony and school having started. It is something like he had in mind.

As you read that, remember that I did it in about two weeks, rushing more because the way I feel I believe I should and because it was not safe for me to leave. Best,

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Harold

1/23-The typing was worse because my left leg and foot lately have been swelling rapidly when I'm on them and I had to keep that leg or foot on the ~~ward~~ stool I keep next to where I sit in the living room. With the heel that high the return circulation is better. I suppose that will happen gradually today and perhaps being confined, not getting the walking in, contributed^{to} that if it was not the cause.

That is a good article but I suppose the subject matter can work against publication. The beginning of that New Orleans article is ~~its~~ faithful. To get a better understanding of Garrison I did some research on that.

TRUTH AND THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Oliver Stone's new movie "Nixon" has revived the controversy surrounding the murder of President Kennedy. In this movie, Stone implies that Nixon in some way had something to do with the assassination of Kennedy. In his earlier movie, "JFK", Stone managed to implicate Lyndon Johnson, the Mafia, Lee Harvey Oswald, the CIA, and the military industrial establishment in some kind of grand conspiracy. These views are not considered to be the truth by historians who have studied the subject.

When the Warren Report was released, it concluded that three shots had been fired by Lee Harvey Oswald. One bullet missing the car entirely, one causing all the nonfatal wounds to President Kennedy and Governor Connally, and one killing the President, hitting him in the head. However, what is not common knowledge is that three of the members of the Commission did not agree with this conclusion. Kentucky Senator John Sherman Cooper, Georgia Senator Richard Russell, and Louisiana Congressman Hale Boggs (ABC's Cokie Roberts' father) all had serious doubts about the so called single bullet theory, that one bullet had passed through Kennedy and wounded Connally, then emerged nearly undamaged and discovered under a mattress on a gurney at Parkland Hospital. One of the most amazing facts and loose ends concerning the investigation is that the single bullet, also known as the magic bullet, was not found on the stretcher of the President or the Governor, but on a completely different one.

Senator Russell, in fact, did not even agree that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. In an interview discovered at the University of Georgia, Russell stated that while he thought Oswald was somehow involved, he was convinced that there were others involved, and that the assassination was in fact a conspiracy. These disagreements with the Warren Report did not come to light for several years, but are well documented by historians, including this writer.

When the exhibits and interviews of the Warren Commission were released almost three months after the Report, doubts about the conclusions of the Commission began to surface. One could say that the dirty little secret of the Warren Commission is that the exhibits and interviews of those present at Dealey Plaza contradict the conclusions. For example, several witnesses stated that they heard or even saw more than three bullets fired at the motorcade. Abraham Zapruder, who was standing on the famous grassy knoll

taking pictures of the President, testified that he heard shots come from behind him. Other witnesses stated they saw shots hit the street in front of the President's car. But the Report concluded that three bullets were fired, and three empty shells were found in the Texas School Depository Building where Oswald worked.

Oswald was a strange man. A former Marine who had moved to the Soviet Union, married Marina, had a child, moved back to the United States, and had another child. However, no fingerprints of Oswald's were found on the alleged murder rifle. Oswald denied he killed Kennedy, and one of the most interesting interviews by the Warren Commission staff was with a friend of Oswald's who claimed that Oswald actually admired the President, and had never said a word against him. Senator Russell later said that the Commission was not told the whole truth about Oswald, and later revelations proved him correct.

Many people think Oswald's murder by Jack Ruby was part of a conspiracy. However, this is probably not true. In fact, Jack Ruby was an extremely mentally disturbed man, who was allowed to hang around the police station because he had buddied up to some of the cops. He apparently shot Oswald because he thought Oswald was guilty and he would administer some frontier justice. In prison, Ruby became psychotic, and suffered delusions that can only be described as the pathetic ravings of a lunatic.

There are many questions about the Kennedy assassination that will probably forever go unanswered. But one can make an educated guess about what revelations may eventually be learned. For example, how did a high school dropout like Oswald learn to speak and read fluent Russian? Was he taught in the Marines? And what relationship did Oswald have with the FBI and the CIA? The FBI claims that Oswald was a subject of concern as a suspicious person, but he was not suspicious enough for the FBI to keep an eye on him November 22, 1963. In addition, there have always been questions about the reports of someone impersonating Oswald or even using his name in both Dallas and New Orleans.

There are hundreds of books that have been written on the subject of the assassination. Four of them currently in print are considered accurate by historians. The late Sylvia Meagher's excellent book, Asscessories After the Fact, is available in reprint. Harold Weisberg, dean of ass
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w has three books in print. Selections breaking Whitewash series, can be

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purchased locally. Case Open, his rejoinder to the flawed book Case Closed, is a good book. His newest, Never Again!, is an extensive treatment of the assassination, quite controversial but considered very accurate by historians such as David Wrone of Wisconsin. Dr. Wrone is considered the leading academic expert on the subject of President Kennedy's murder. At one time, Wrone had read every book written on the assassination, in English, Russian and French!

Both Weisberg and Wrone are featured in the fascinating documentary, "Reasonable Doubt". Chip Selby, a leading authority on the Warren Report, won awards and widespread acclaim for this effort, which has been shown on the Arts and Entertainment Network. It is also available at some area video stores.

The whole truth may never be known about those events of 1963, but it does appear clear that some type of conspiracy may have been in place. It probably took at least two shooters to fire that many times, and it is very possible that Oswald was not one of them. The movies may not be the best place to look for historical accuracy, but the works mentioned above are today used in history courses in colleges. If you are interested in learning more about the crime of the century, check them out.

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