

Dear Jon,

1/30/75

Before your letter ^{of 1/28} came in today's mail there was a call from Tom Andrews of WSHU that made me wonder if you'd carried an item. Then Scott Cooper of WGTB and I knew you had. Then your letter. Then a call from WSLI, Jackson, Miss, Ball, and I was better prepared. In fact, I'm writing this while awaiting his call for a show. Thanks.

I guess you spoke to Lesar after I left him. I was there that day. I didn't know he had decided to say anything yet. (My concern again is nuts, not to entice them to do the irresponsible again.) But if he decided, ok with me. I wanted him to call them up and ask when he'd get an answer and if the response was not satisfactory, then file. I've built a good enough pre-filing record and that from the previous case inhibits them enough, as it also commits them enough. He did tell me why he plans to file 2/17 and that also is ok with me.

My own disposition is to take all the time necessary and then waste none. The changed situation might persuade them to deliver the stuff if they had less time to cook up new fairy tales. They'll be better off doing this, but they are also stonewalled stonewallers.

Several other things are in the works but on them I want nothing said. If you get here I'll tell you.

Try to plan for an extra day in the DC area. I can't promise to drive you both ways because I have to provide my wife with twice-daily transportation and that guts the day. But if you can't promote a ride the bus service is poor but fast on the ~~express~~ express and I'd meet it and bring you here. You can crashpad.

I've heard nothing from Kaiser or Rolling Stone.

If we file we'll try to avoid their stonewalling. I believe we will also do other things that Jim and I have done that other lawyers did not see. What Jim wants to do will be what we will do. But if he does not think of filing interrogatories, I will urge it. How soon after filing we can do this I don't know, but it won't be very long. Once the questions are filed, they may be public. I don't know. It may also be considered good panned to await a response before releasing them. I have no special desire for publicity on them, without knowing what the answers are, that is.

We'll know for sure the line they plan when they respond to our Complaint. But what I am saying is that unless we have to, we may not await their response.

However, lets wait until we get to that bridge.

Meanwhile, if you hear other than that it is raining when you see it is raining raining in Boston, believe it!

Best,

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Dear Harold:

I've enclosed a story we did after I talked to Lesar today on the phone.

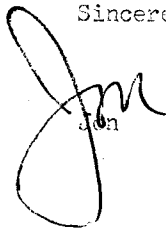
I'd like to follow the progress of this suit, (assuming Silberman doesn't give you the documents and you are forced to sue -- which is a pretty safe assumption).

I'll call you around the 17th of February, the date Lesar says he plans to file suit if no documents are surrendered by Justice.

In the meantime, I'm planning to go back to that convention (I know what you think of those Boston people) and then on to Washington, D.C. I'll be in your area only two or three days -- and have a place to stay in or near Washington with one of my college friends. I appreciate the offer to stay at your place. I'll give you a call when I'm back there, and hopefully, we can get together. (I'll be able to give you a first-hand report on what transpired at Boston).

I hope the enclosed story is o.k. from your viewpoint. I simplified it enormously (as usual) in order to make it suitable for radio. You might get a few calls with your number attached for use by news editors. And you can use those calls to mention your book(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'John', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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(ZNS) A LEADING ASSASSINATION RESEARCHER HAS CALLED ON THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE EVIDENCE COLLECTED DURING ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY -- EVIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN LOCKED UP FOR 11 YEARS.

WRITER AND INVESTIGATOR HAROLD WEISBERG SAYS THE EVIDENCE HE WANTS COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT MORE THAN ONE GUN WAS FIRED AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MOTORCADE IN DALLAS IN 1963.

WEISBERG HAS CALLED ON ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL LAWRENCE SILBERMAN TO RELEASE THE RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS KNOWN AS "SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS."

THESE TESTS ENABLE INVESTIGATORS TO DETERMINE IF VARIOUS FRAGMENTS OF A SHATTERED BULLET ALL CAME FROM THE SAME SLUG, OR FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT BULLETS.

A SERIES OF SUCH TESTS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE F.B.I. IN 1963 AND 1964, BUT THE RESULTS HAVE NEVER BEEN MADE PUBLIC. CRITICS OF THE J.F.K. INVESTIGATION CLAIM THE TEST RESULTS DEMONSTRATE THAT SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF BULLETS WERE RECOVERED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE, INDICATING THAT MORE THAN ONE RIFLE WAS USED IN THE ASSASSINATION.

WEISBERG IS MAKING HIS DEMAND FOR THE EVIDENCE UNDER THE NEWLY-AMENDED "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT", PASSED LAST FALL BY CONGRESS.

THE ACT WAS AMENDED AND STRENGTHENED BY CONGRESS AFTER THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO SURRENDER THE J.F.K. BALLISTICS TESTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE EARLIER 1968 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW -- ZODIAC

Note: Weisberg's number in Maryland is (301) 473-8186.

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