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Dear John,

From time to time your long silence comes to mind. Several weeks ago I was told you are a friend of Dave Lifton's. On the chance that explains it I'd thought of going through the file in an overstuffed drawer ^{to retrieve} and send you copies of what, rather some of what Roger Feinman got from ^{Sylvia Lifton's} her Lifton file in the deposit of her records at Hood College. Lifton's electronic mail on that is also typical of him, he gets an idea and it becomes instant fact. What he said about that and me is not accurate. I have that also. It was sent to me. I have not heard from Roger since about October. He is at 142-10 Hoover Ave., Jamaica, NY 11435. Oops, Apt 404. He works in New York City. His home phone is 718/526-2562. Roger, angered over what Lifton was saying about Sylvia, got into a hassle with him and then ^{wrote} a short book he has not gotten published. He has been making copies available in xeroxes. Last I heard Lifton ^{had} had a law firm threaten to sue over it. The claimed basis was copyright infringement. The case cited as the basis is not pertinent. I supposed that was another of Lifton's threats. What Feinman disclosed was embarrassing. If he is willing, Roger can also tell you that when he was with CBS News Lifton threatened to blackmail. Rather did say what he would do to get what he wanted.

Of that ^{what} is over Lifton's signature and is self-descriptive ^{is} what is clearly a record of him as a thief is his writing to tell Sylvia exactly how he was going to steal a commercial print of the Zapruder film and then his boast of having done it exactly as he said he would. There is also a record of Lifton's trying to sell CBS News on his zany theory that the assassination was from papier mache trees in Dealey Plaza. That was in 1967. I have somewhere a lengthy tape of his trying to sell me on that in 1966, as soon as he read Whitewash. He phoned me in 1968 and said that the story I had been told, that he believed that Johnson and Allan Dulles were behind the assassination was not true, that it was Johnson and Dean Rusk. That tape will also be difficult to get but I have it. You should not have any trouble learning on your own, if it interests you, that he was espousing both theories widely, much as he may deny it now.

If you want to, you can also learn for yourself the proof that Richard Waybright, one of the Baltimore cops Harry Livingstone had working for him, did without question steal my only copy of my analysis of Best Evidence. As I told you, Waybright asked to borrow it for Livingstone to save the xeroxing costs, that he could xerox it free in Baltimore. We trusted him and I agreed. He later told me he had returned it. It was when Livingstone came looking for it that I discovered he had not returned it. There is another Baltimore policeman who is also a friend, well, Waybright isn't any more. I asked him to tell Waybright that that stuff was missing and that it is not where ~~it~~ it should be if he returned it. So, when that man, David Saulsbury, was coming to

Johns Hopkins when I had to be there to lunch with us Waybright also came. He drew on a napkin where he said he'd placed it - is the basement, is FOIA files and then in a drawer he knew I'd never look in because of the problems for me in that, in a bottom drawer. ^{File records in the basement} David said he would come and retrieve them for me. He did and what was there is what was of no interest to me, the MDW records on the funeral. What remains missing and only Waybright could from the above, have stolen, is my analysis of Best Evidence and my duplicates of what Lifton got from the MDW other than on the funeral. They do wipe out his second-helicopter concoction.

If you doubt that Waybright was working for Lifton when working for Livingstone, that also exists in Waybright's writing. I have, as does Feinman, a memo he wrote in ^{hand} long to Livingstone listing what Lifton had asked him to get for him.

Livingstone stuck with him because he could do what Livingstone could not get done any other way. Livingstone himself told me that Waybright had stolen from him for Lifton and how he learned it. Livingstone had interviewed some of those Lifton wrote about

having interviewed. They disputed what Lifton published. When Lifton got those transcripts he phoned those men and raised hell. Livingstone learned about it when they phoned him to complain. Again, only Waybright was in a position to do that for Lifton and only Lifton, ^{as} was with me, had any interest. With me it was only copies and as you know anyone working here can make copies.

Livingstone's reported blackmail of Waybright is that he had a friend in the DA's office he'd tell that Waybright was using the police computer system for Harry.

Saulsbury lives in Watonsville, 1220 McCurley Ave. He is in Internal Affairs and may not want to talk on the phone from there. I think his home phone is 410/744-0321. He has a masters in criminology. We are fond of the whole family. Two fine boys, too.

After Lifton started up his nastiness about me I decided to from memory and from the checking I could do to duplicate in different form what he had stolen from me. Of that I do not have copies out of my possession. It proves that at each and every step save one Lifton knew that his ^{body-snatch} theory was impossible. The one step he did not know is that the back gate was closed, without any enlisted man to feel he had to yield to rank, and thus no ambulance could have snuck in that way. His chart does not even show the gate.

If you have any questions, including about me, feel free to ask them.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature

Lifton's threats to sue Hood put it to considerable expense and caused it to deny access to that archive. That was long ago. I do not know the present situation.