## CONFIDENTIAL Comments on Nichols' T-4761, filed 6/17/70 Herold Weisberg 7/10/70

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Perhps legally improved over the suit he withdrew, this new one anJohn's, from a hasty single reading just completed seems to me to posed the same kind of hazards to our work and basically the same legal and doctrinal liebilities.

While I can not claim experise in the law, there seems to me to be serious flaw in the naming of the defendants, in the naming of persons rabber than Departments and in the not naming of any others than the GSA and mary not Navy but the Secretay of the Navy/ Archives is not sued as an agency; Rhoads is an an indigidual, as with Navy. It is my understanding this is enough to get the case thrown out of court. This is carried over into the body of the complaint (bottom P 1, top 2), where certain items are said to be "held by" the individuals rather then the agencie s. In the case of Navy, there is reason not to believe the unsupported allegation that the Secretary of the Navy hold certain things. I have been told by the Navy and I am inclined to believe they unloaded everything. Maybe they did, maybe they didn't, but John here cites no proof, later qualifies it, and should have named an unknown responde ent to whom Navy could have or did transfer that which he seeks.

P. 4, a) This reason for specifying why he wants to make the test about the dents is spurious. First of all, he is not required to say why and he does not say he is not so required. He can, voluntarily, but should so stipulate. But if he issaying why, he should have velid, meaningful, not sourious or frivolous reasons. "To determine whether this weapon will blast out the small dents in the ammunition is, if genuine, not a good reason. He knows it will happen, and it is caused by the ammo, not the weapon. The weapon is entirely passive in such a test, the charge in the ammo being what does it. Here he is incompetently ligting what Dick and I did, but in a wrong context. Either answer, I believe, is without meaning, for howthe dents got in the casings only is emply established by what Dick and I did and Dick reported to John.

Permitting him to fire the weapon cannot "determine whether the weepon can be fired as fast as required by the Warren Commission findings" (the timelater referred to with less than complete fidelity as only 5.6 seconds). It could deermine how rapidly, under entirely different corcumstances, he or another ould on that occasion fire it, not how rapidly Oswald or enother could or did on 11/22/63 or how rapidly it could prior too overheul thereafter. This is a cheapskate tric, not serious, legitimate research, and is subject to attack as such in response. It serve not legitimate, scientific purpose.

"...e jects the clip onto the floor" is another unoriginality, Dick heving reported what we did with this and Sylvia having made the charge. It is also meaningless, for even the use of the clip could have altered the conditions that existed 11/22/63. Moweover, the clip can hang one time and not the next. I have two clips. One hangs, one doesn't. The one that doesn't could in an instance, whereas the one that does might not in an instance.

"Mr. Oswald's rifle ... " ohn concedes Oswald was an assassin, whith knowledge of the evidence, with which ohn is not afflicted, refutes. He also concediwa Oswald's ownership, here and elsewhere, which is not established.

The reason for asking to examine CE141 is spurious and another export why there should not be the unrequired where there is a reason other than the omgiven. There is no requirement that the unused bulls t be of the same batch as the others.

P. 7 repeats that Cawald was an assassin and adds that the window was a "sniper's nest", again without reason or proof-or need.

Says he was denied spectro, but not by the defendants in this action, none of whom ever had it, therefore couldn't.

(h) is entirely irgelawant because either answer is wothout meaning and he acknowledges an answer, that the spectro of the Walker bullet is different. The government can tes off on him on this kind of stuff in response. Hurting us all. when the rine was found-why else was the rifle found?- and is shown in pictures.

Clogbersville Express. And still entirely meaningless, just scrimshaw. Besides, th4 purpose he alleges is impossible. With so much of this true of so many, im the hazard to us is great and the chances of getting thrown out on motion good. Which is bad.

9-10g 1-still meaningless and an impossible determination. At best the possibility can be indicated, and that he has alkeady accomplished, s a he specifies.

10 Par 6 is lifted from FM III, is not in his complaint or his N.Q testimony. He read PMII at least at Lib Cong, if others did not inform him. He tried to get right to use from me and didn't respond to my letters in reply.

11. Significant that he didn't make request for permission to examine CE843 until <u>after</u> I got the receipt for it. His request is more than two montas after the request for each and every other item, is then, the day before he got the rejection on the rest, for this alone. I presume his source. Gary please note.

12 reference to "curiosity seekers"at autopsy dubious and wrong and subject to strong refutation, the opposite being the case and the need.

Histological, under (b), is stupid, for it doesn't say where in mack, or that there is no record of any from front, and worse (tip 12) are described as "an integral part of this Bethesda autopsy 63-272" whereas it is not any kind of part, not having been completed until after what he has already describeds as 63-272" was filed. It would not take many such cases, with a skilled lawyer doing the work, to show John doesn't know what he talks about and has other then serious, scholarly purposes. With but a single histological slide said to exist and without him alleging otherwise, how can he ask for what he has not even claimed exists, what has source says doesn't exist, and how can he make claims in the plural," to determine whether these are goles of entry or exit".

And the gross omission here is that the proctocol makes no reference to what he seeks in the radiological report (13, bottom).

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To me, John and those thinking they help him remain 33%38 ears, not silken purses. And sawis sows' ears come from slaughterhouses.

Note that among the things John has abandoned is any quest for the spectro. The government can argue this against him, for that could constain be the answers he claims to seek, as specified in his abandoned suit.

My formerly low opinion of his understanding, work and suit **means** is not elevated by his failure to learn from the previous error, by the stillpermeating dishonesty, or by the namess of three lawyers signed to the complaint. All this cheapshate stuff can do us no good and can do us much harm, especially when so uninhibited an ego, for so little reason, dominates.

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