

6/13/68

Dear John,

Your letter of 6/10 requires immediate answer. I think the report to you is accurate but incomplete. Check the testimony to confirm my recollection. I think Shires was out of town in the a.m. and either flew back specially or was on his way back when he heard. Thus he missed the chest surgery on the governor....I just checked it for you because my recollection was strong.
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".....I was out of town at the time the shooting occurred. I was in Galveston, Tex., at the meeting of the Western Surgical Association... Dr. Shaw...had the hospital notify me in Galveston...."

Specter. Were you able to return to Dallas in time to assist in the operative procedures on Governor Connally?

Dr. Shires. Yes."

He got there "approximately 3 p.m."

Have I restored some of your faith in some of your medical brethren?

Meanwhile, I've forgotten what I was to send you about the Connally X-rays. Was it the initial reports? If so, I include them. But remember, in confidence. I do not want this used publicly yet. I've got something in the works. Chances not good, but they exist.

You will note that although the Commission immediately got these copies, they pretended otherwise and months later ask Shaw and Gregory each to bring the same X-rays. I think it is to avoid the redaction from Reynolds.

On X-rays: I have an unusually intelligent young friend who is an absolute whiz bang with X-rays and who has already prepared for me a sample of how they can be faked. She offers to do computations, etc., for me if needed. While I have no doubt that the technicians at your school and hospital are competent, this friend has an understanding of what is or might be involved and the imagination to conceive how the fakery could have been accomplished (if any). With JFK, I believe the major problem would have been dental. If you have reason to believe there may have been any with the Connally X-rays and want to avail yourself of these services in which I have confidence, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

A most authoritative and reliable source, a personal friend of mine, told me about an hour ago that Doctor Tom Shires was not even in the city of Dallas on November 22 and therefore it is impossible that he could have operated on Governor Connally's left thigh despite Commission Exhibit 392!!!!!!

This would seem worth looking into.

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