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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 7, Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Harold:

Was delighted to receive your letters of May 5 and 6 which arrived earlier this morning together with copies of your correspondence with Mr. Bernabei of Canada.

The intellectual stimulation of our talks recently in Washington far more than offsets any trivial price of the scope - it is a gift to you.

Yes, please do let me know soon as possible the airline and flight number on which you will be arriving in Kansas City. I will meet you and look forward to having you as a guest of the institution for at least a night. It is now too late to set up a formal lecture for you because (a) the administration does not want any distracting influences to interfere with the students studying for the coming final examinations!!!, (b) short notice, and (c) our budget for an honorarium is exhausted and overdrawn. However, if you would consent to giving us an informal talk I would like to assemble 15-20 friends by word of mouth.

The new acting archivist has agreed to take some new pictures at different angles of CE 399 for me. He has also told me that the X-ray plates of Governor Connally's injuries are (probably) duplicates (CE 682, 691, 695, & 696) and the originals are thought to be at Parkland Hospital. He has also finally agreed to allow me to have these entire plates reproduced for myself by the LogEtronic process and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has agreed to do this for me!!! The LogEtronic process, as you may know, scans the entire film and enhances the shadows and subdues the highlights. This results in a plate which is far superior to the original, at least to untrained eyes such as mine.

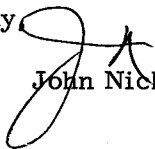
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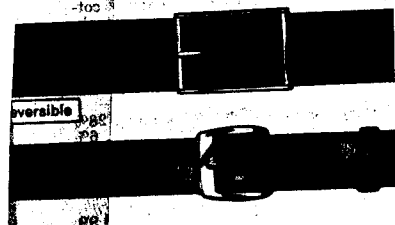
Yes, I knew about and had previously obtained the Dallas Death Certificate but am quite curious about the one alleged to have been signed in blank by Dr. Kemp Clark and passed thru the hearse window to the Seceret Service as the body was departing Parkland Hospital.

If you have an oppportunity could you get the measurments of the sling on the weapon for me? or better tell me where I may find them. Is it one inch wide or 3/4 inches wide? and what are the dimintions of the "patch" on the strap? Are the buckles like A or B?

Shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely


John Nichols



← A

← B

~~Brown~~

Brown or white?

5/10/68

Dear John,

Your kind letter of 5/8 arrived with enough time before I must leave for town to make brief reply. Prior to hearing you I had made tentative reservations that will get me in Kansas City at 8:25 p.m. 5/16. It may be possible to catch an earlier flight that makes more stops than I like but that will push me so close it is best not to depend on it. I am on a 9:10 a.m. flight the next day to New Orleans. If you'd like me to stay longer, we can shift to a later flight the next day, for New Orleans. I prefer through flights. I am not comfortable taking off and landing.

What I am doing in New Orleans is, I believe, quite important and I want to spend every minute there I can.

I'll be happy to seek ~~to~~ your group. Can we go there right from the airport? I hope you can get by with as little sleep as I do.

On the Connally X-rays, did I show you the documents I have on that? What you have arranged is wonderful-and it may do a little prosyletizing!

When I can I'll check on the blank death certificate. I also have police reports on this and Connally.

Perhaps the best and fastest way to get the dimensions of the sling is to write Rhoads. He can measure it, if it has not been done. He can also photograph it alongside a yardstick. Recall the devise I used in my 399 pix; then you can measure yourself. Also, in whatever pictures you have them take of 399 for you, may I encourage you to have them include a scale.

Many thanks for the scope. I'll have it mounted as soon as the rifle is returned.

I'll be speaking in Minneapolis en route. I'll be reachable through Gary Schoener, Medical school, early a.m. and late night home phones 612/331-9348. Daytime, he can get a message through a person-to-person call at the office, 373-5042, though for two days he'll be pretty busy with me. I'll be at Radio Station WLOL before and after lunch time 5/15. But if you want me to stay longer than the 9:10 a.m. Braniff flight 259, switch me to a later, through jet that gets me ~~there~~ to N.O. before the end of the working day so whoever on Garrison's staff meets me will not have to out in overtime,

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