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Dear Mr. Keck,

First of all I would like to apologize for my belated answer to your letter earlier this year. Over the last nine months I have been inundated with radio appearances in some forty-one states, as well as numerous interviews with various magazines and newspapers. There were a number of television appearances as well. After a much needed vacation I have had a chance to collect myself, and can get caught up.

Thank you for your concern in this ongoing crisis, as well as your purchase of Act of Treason. I would agree with you that Harold Weisberg is a genuine hero in this matter. If you refer to my notes beginning on page 631, you will see that I make extensive citation to Whitewash: the report on the Warren Report, Whitewash II: The FBI-Secret Service Cover-up, and Photographic Whitewash-suppressed Kennedy Assassination pictures. Of course, thanks to his persistence under the FOIA, the American people were able to learn of the secret 1/22/64 and 1/27/64 executive session meetings of the Warren Commission during which Hoover's complicity became apparent.

I personally never did believe that the "three tramps" were anything but that. The two surviving individuals explanation that they remained anonymous out of fear, combined with their status as transients, is perfectly plausible. The weight of the evidence suggests that of the two assassins behind the fence, one (probably the shooter) immediately escaped with the weapon across the train yard (fleeing by car), and the other (his backup) posed as a Secret Service agent. This individual then blended into the surging crowds and also escaped the area.

I believe Dr. Crenshaw performed a courageous and valuable service in coming forward. What we are now witnessing is the formal factionalization of the medical personnel who observed JFK's wounds. Interestingly, Dr. Crenshaw's description of a bullet entering the area of Kennedy's right temple corresponds precisely with the data I compiled from newspaper and eyewitness accounts the afternoon of the assassination. This includes NBC, ABC, and the Washington Post, to name a few. This description also corresponds with Kennedy's head snap backward and to the left.

I have seen the written summaries of the various Parkland Hospital physicians who observed or tended to JFK. These were prepared just a few weeks after his death. They consistently and repeatedly make reference to the severe damage to the right rear occipital/parietal (base of the back of the head) area. Again, descriptions totally consistent with a bullet entering the right temple and exiting the back of the head. I believe the evidence proves that Kennedy suffered near simultaneous gunshot wounds to the head, one from the right front and one from the rear. Because of this, the AMA Journal assertion regarding the "beveling" effect of a bullet entering the rear of the skull simply provides further support for my conclusions. The individual who prepared the article engaged in the same clumsy method of selective omission which doomed the Warren Report to the trash heap.

I am continuing my research into the assassination. As an historian and attorney I am obligated to help resolve this crisis to the satisfaction of the American people.

Sincerely,

Mark North