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Dear Harold:

Your memory is unbelievable! I glad you remembered me; you taught me more in that one afternoon about how to view the assassination and the assassination investigation than I could ever learned on my own. Thank you for your thoughtful letter, I plan to share the letter with Don.

Don is very serious about the evidence that pointed to the Hunts. I will speak to him about the possibility that the Hunt evidence is a decoy. Any help that your contacts in Dallas could provide about the "accidental" death of the Hunt employee would be great. I believe that the time period they would want to inquire about would be between Dec 1, 1963 through March 31, 1964

The information in the ONI file on Oswald that was Top Secret was primarily related to the ONI surveillance information gathered on Oswald after his return from Russia.

One of my objectives is to verify the information that Don has told me; any information that you can provide me that can assist in establishing Don's credibility would be appreciated. I will present any questions that you may have that will assist us in verifying the fact that he was what he says he was. Rest assured that no other critic (other than Paul Hoch) is aware of or will be informed of my research with Don.

Regarding when Oswald came under ONI surveillance, I believe my notes indicated that ONI surveillance of Oswald began after his return from the Soviet Union and continued up until the assassination. Don knew that Gaudet was CIA and followed Oswald to Mexico City, practically stepping on his heels.

Perhaps you can assist me with a question I had on the how Oswald was identified through the cross reference by the Army of Hidel's name. According to Don ONI had (at a minimum) a loose surveillance on Oswald. It is possible that ONI knew about Hidel from mail intercepts, and if, so is it not possible that ONI knew about the ordering or delivery of the weapons through the mail but did nothing except pass the information on to the CIA? If the Army intelligence cross referenced Oswald by the Hidel alias, not as an associate of Oswald as the FBI reported, then MIG Col. Robert Jones may not have realized what he implied by identifying Hidel as an alias Oswald.

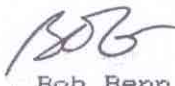
In regards to your point about the Mexico photos. I mentioned that the official account was that the cameras were not working and that on his weekend visit the camera operator was off duty, all Don could say was Bull Shit! The assumption at ONI was that there was someone that the CIA did not want to compromise, but at the time the subject was off limits between CIA and ONI regarding any discussions about the contents of the photos.

I can remember quite well your pessimistic opinion on ever uncovering for certainly who was responsible for Kennedy's assassination. I hesitate to raise the issue, but Don has suggested the general outline of a theory that to the best of my knowledge has never presented. I pass this information to you for your analysis. Don suggests that a possible cartel of right wing business/oil interest, a faction of Organized Labor (maybe Hoffa) and faction of Organized Crime secured the services of a single individual to organize and implement a professional effort to assassinate the President. At the time Don was investigating the assassination for the ONI, from what he has suggested to me, I think this scenario was considered. I confess I don't know enough to make an informed opinion at this point. But I do think that over time Don will share with me additional information from the ONI post assassination investigation (that is still classified) that may shed some light on this stranger than fiction thesis.

I plan to meet again soon with Don. I think your letter will reassure Don about the amount of information that is known of the military intelligence and Oswald. I will document his comments about the issues you raised and keep you informed.

Thanks so much for your assistance and insights.

Sincerely,



Bob Benn