

Dear Bill,

I'll keep this correspondence in a folder on my desk so that Jamie can be familiar with it when she is back.

As of now I'll be away from Frederick for medical consultations only twice this month, on the 12th for the entire day and probably on the 19th, for the morning. The latter is in Washington. I'm driven there by local medical transportation and they bring me back. If you should plan to come up and that day is convenient for you I can let the driver return to Frederick as soon as I'm delivered for the cardiovascular consultation in Northwest if you want to talk while you drive up here. I'm not assuming this, merely suggesting it to save your time if it is what you have in mind. Otherwise I've no plans to be away.

Jamie could not find what I'm sure I have, duplicate copies of the Crawford records. I do not now recall where we searched other than my office file. It may be filed, if she has not checked there, in the file in the basement that includes my Ray correspondence and what I used in the draft of a new book I had to lay aside. It may also be under Sausages and Eggs rather than the reverse. I have a clear recollection I may not have mentioned to Jamie of sending copies to Wayne Chastain through Phil Moss. My recollection is that the FBI did not find Crawford immediately, that he wasn't in the usual sense "picked up" and that this was somehow through the aunt he was with. I'm pretty sure it was not in Jowers' place and that the aunt and Crawford were cooperative.

If anyone checked out other transfers at the Baton Rouge barracks, I have no recollection of it. I'm inclined to believe not.

For the moment I assume you are correct in saying that the FBI did not check out the Mustang's rear tires. I have no independent recollection of this now. I do know that there was considerable checking on the tires and the battery, extending into Mexico. I agree it would have been odd to overlook those tires, particularly if the story Ray told me is in Hueb's writing. Then it would be exceptional, I think. Checking the records could take much time because it would include the HQ records and those of at least Atlanta, Memphis and Los Angeles. They sure scrapped mud from the rear of the car.

I have no independent knowledge of Esquivel's height and weight. I lost interest in him when I'd arranged for him to meet with Bud and me at Bud's request and then Bud changed his mind. I even had us at the Dygar Bowl game as guests!

You refer to what you describe as Jensen's incredible statement, that they could place Jimmy "in the motel" on April 3 and 4. You do not say what motel. I presume you mean the Rebel. If so I don't find this odd because he checked in the 3rd and out the 4th. What I remember believing was odd was that he was at the DeSoto and moved at all. If they connect Jimmy with the records they place him there and I believe they did this that way. But maybe I do not understand you. Were not these records used at the voir dire?

College resumed today and we have a forecast of heavy snow this evening and night. I presume that when Jamie is settled in she'll resume what she had on hand when she left. I do not presume this will be immediately but I'm sure it will be soon.

Is there any other way in which I might help you with the eggs and sausage man? Not that I see any significance in this for I do not. I don't have Chastain's address but Moss is P.O. Box 40803, an Memphis 38104. He can also put you in touch with Chastain, a really very nice guy who got p'ed off at me over the business. If they did not discard what I sent they still have it, one or both.

Hope you have a good year,

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Dear Harold,

Many thanks for your notes and thoughts. I will review Jamie's work and raise the next series of issues with her. I enclose payment for the photocopying (which I believe is .25 x 200 copies by her report or \$50.00) and will pay Jamie directly for her work to date.

I expect to be over sometime early in the new year and will advise.

Thanks for your information re: Mark Lane's appearance. I believe it was on the Mort Downey show. My one responsibility to James relates to the Habeas Petition Appeal and possible evidentiary hearing. I have no illusions about either James or Mark.

A couple of points for your reflection, if I may: 1) was Crawford picked up in the street or in Jim's Grill itself, following a phone call? 2) Did anyone ever check out the other transfers in Troop B at the Baton Rouge Barracks? 3) Does it not seem odd that FBI forensics on the Mustang covered everything except the rear tire? 4) What do you make of S.A.C. Jensen's incredible statement, at one point, that they could place James in the Motel on April 3 and April 4? and 5) Do you have any way of knowing whether the official height and weight statistics for Esquivel are accurate?

Many thanks,

Kind Regards,



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