

Dear Dave,

5/31/92

With the unfortunately early start of 12:30 a.m. this morning I have gotten much much done, as in time you'll see if not enclosed with this. I finished going over and marking up the JAMaborie, as I've started calling it, including the second article on the Dallas doctors, and I see incredible potential in it if I can generate any interest. This includes a fast book ~~add~~ a video of it. Read the Sunday Post, got gas ^{and} at at 8+ will be taking ~~til~~ shopping when she is out of her helpful Sunday morning soak of about an hour. I'll postpone reading and correcting what I wrote this morning until after we return, in the hope that I may be more sensitive to my many typos then.

I write for other purposes but when we spoke yesterday you mentioned the things I've said about my local medical care. Friday I saw the local cardiologist, regular checkup. ~~til~~ noted and I agree that his attitude toward me has been different the last two times we saw him. I think this may in part be because he is having a new house built just above us on the mountain and, knowing that, I took him some ~~spring~~ ^{springs} of vinca, which makes a fine and attractive land cover, so he could see them and show them to his wife in the event they have what is not unlike ^{by} on this mountainside, some land that requires a ground cover. (He moves in next month.) anyway, I asked him what Dr. King at Hopkins meant in telling me that the EKG, which this ~~cardiologist~~ ^{cardiologist}, Barakat, had told me was "OK", actually shows something using the word "branch" wrong in my heart. King had said if you have to have it, you are better off with it in the right side, as ^{mine} ~~years~~ is. I was interested in knowing if this has to do with the slow heartbeat. Barakat told me it was electrical, that the timing is a minute ~~fraction~~ ^{fraction} of a second slow, and that it has nothing to do with the ^{irregular} heart beat. I do not have to understand the technical things. That was all I wanted to know. Then Barakat added "I did not want to worry you for nothing." I accepted the ambiguity, nothing perhaps meaning nothing can be done about it or nothing to worry about. I told him merely that it had not troubled me but that I do like to understand my problems. (He also did not tell me that he did not expect me to live through the 1989 heart surgery but I saw no point in telling him perhaps the patient should know so he can make an informed decision because I'd have made the same decision anyway, believing it was necessary.)

Friday from before lunch until suppertime and then yesterday morning for several hours beginning about six David G. Phinney, a TV director, was here. He began by conveying greetings from Larry Howard of the Dallas nuttery. He wants to do a TV thing on the JFK assassination. What he said he wants to do is exactly what they all say and I have little interest in that and the inevitable problems it means for me. I was specific in telling him that I'd been assured by both Nigel Turner and John Barbour that they would not associate me with any conspiracy theorizing or theorists, particularly not in a manner to lend them any credibility, that they had both done it and that as soon as I have time not needed for other things I'm writing Barbour and telling him that because he has not lived up to

this he has violated our agreement and thus is not to use anything he has from me.

Toward the time I did not then know he had to leave I suggested that a different format, one not used before, would work better and be both easier and cheaper. I barely had time to tell him that + meant to just have a rough outline of what he'd like to go into and then just let me talk while he tapes. I said this could later be edited and as I talked I'd indicate what documents could be used and he could think later of what else he can use, filmed or to be filmed. I told him to ^{look at and} listen again to Turner's close where he uses me. I also told him that this was not Turner's idea, that I had ad libbed it spontaneously. I then said he ought hear and see what I'd just seen the day before that I got from KXAS-TV. (They used too short a cassette and I do not have all of it,) I said he'd see how effective that can be. He said he had to ~~leave~~ leave to meet his wife but asked if he could return at six a.m. I agreed.

Later I thought of it more and still more yesterday morning while walking and decided that if I had to persuade him I'd not be interested and that I believe I'll not be interested in any other format. He surprised me by saying that he also had been thinking about it and had come to realize that maybe that is the best approach. We looked at and listened to what KXAS did and he agreed it is effective and that it does permit the use of documents that are quite comprehensible. He also admitted that it could reduce the costs by about three-quarters, from a million to a quarter of a million.

If we agree and if he can swing the financing it would be necessary to have a commentator at the beginning, to introduce it, and perhaps at a few places later, but that I would be in effect the commentator. We have a handshake deal that I'll not do this with anyone else until after he sees if he can raise the money but that I can do interviews if asked. *No deal on paper yet.*

I think that what he has in mind is a cassette to be sold. I suggested that it could also be done to make offering it to public TV possible. He is not convinced of that.

Anyway, this is how it now stands.

And it reminds me that Chip is now working as a researcher for "Unsolved Crimes."
If and when there is news I'll let you know.

Best,

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