Palicoff's letter of the 10/11 to Feenery

Dear Jim,

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11/2/76

I'm saying nothing about it, in accord with your note, except to you.

While I think it has not been lost on you I want to bears certain that you see the psychological factors that are unhidden. It again is that yearning for synthetic fame and importance, including in his own eyes.

With virtually all of what he talks about my work it was nice of him to include me as an afterthought.

I really do not care. Except that it typifies the problem the committee does not need, from the other side one of the problems of the Lanes. Or from them.

There are some hazards in this but I'll not take much time. Like redoing the tests without obtaining the results of those that were done. And going into the Hughes-Maheu stuff, in belief that Jack Anderson is some kind of operative and that if he is it has some relevance. But here he is without perspective and lacks more basic knowledge. His actual proposal is for an investigation of other than the most significant aspects of that real disinformation/Cuban operation.

Where he talks about Lonnie it is clear that there has been some leaking. Schweiker decided against releasing his testimony. Or using it. Any connection with Jagan escapes me. He should be investigated, this says, because he is conservative. What other relevance is there to his alleged pre-assassination ties to the White Russian community? He also rode to work with Hosty and Sweatt and got ^Buddy Walthers his job. Investigate these?

I'm glad that "erry can be of assistance on work he had nothing to do with - and that he'll be glad.

There is not one thing in this that is relevant that he knows anything about of his own knowledge or from his sum work. But he has to pretend otherwise. This, I'm suro, will be the norm. 't is what I meant by one of their problems. They may or may not cope with it. I'm staying away. ' have not spoken to any of them or tried to ar written and I'm not going to. Since Akers was here I've heard nothing. I presume this is true of you because you have said nothing. Fine. That much less time we lose. On this I do think you should take their failure to get back to you as a sign. And on this I have some unsolicited advice for you: forbid any interview with Jimmy for the present, the immediate future or under any circumstances without your approval. I think it would be wise to stipulate that if you change your mind they have us present. With you having the right to forbid the answer to any question.I think you should do this immediately. They may pull a "ane.

Best,

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Dear Rick;

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Following, per your request, are some of my thoughts as to how the select committee investigating the Kennedy assassination should proceed:

- I. Regarding the medical evidence, I would caution that extreme care is necessary. As I have suggested earlier, I would strongly suggest consultation with Howard Roffman on this subject because of his extraordinary research in this area. Harold Weisberg's knowledge is also exceptional in this area. Specific questions include:
 - a) Why were so few people who had seen the President's body called as witnesses (and why were some who were called not specifically questioned in this area) in view of the ambiguity as to the location of the back wound? An effort should now be made to find and question every one who saw the body, and also to to determine if they were ever questioned during the life of the Warren Commission.
 - b) At the Clay Shaw trial Colonel Pierre Finck, one of the autopsy surgeons, conceded under cross-examination that military brass took charge of the autopsy and prevented dissection of the back wound to determine the path of the bullet. Why? Who were these individuals?
 - c) Under whose direction did Commander Humes destroy his autopsy notes?
 - d) Why were ambiguous non-fixed points used as measuring points in the autopsy report? In contrast, the long suppressed Burkley death certificate uses two fixed points -- the spinal column and the third thorasic vertebra (resulting, incidentally in a location significantly lower than that found in the autopsy report and the testimony of the doctors).
 - e) What has been the chain of possession of the autopsy material? Who has had access, and under what circumstances?
 - f) Executive Session transcripts of the Warren Commission refer to the Commission having seen at least some of the autopsy photos. A photo of the back wound is said to show it below the shoulder. There is other evidence to support the inference that this material was, in fact seen by at least part of the Commission. Why was this fact suppressed, and why do current

. 1917 - New York, and the second strategy of the State strategy and the second strategy of the second strategy a descriptions of the material refer to only one photograph of the back wound in which its location is ambiguous because of the posttion of the body and the placement of a ruler on top of the spinal column?

- g) Why are there now no x-rays of the extremities when full-body x-rays are reported to have been taken?
- h) Why do current examinations of the autopsy material locate the head wound some four inches higher than its location in the original autopsy report?
- i) Why do fragments now appear in the throat when the autopsy doctors swore there were no such fragments? Assuming the authenticity of the autopsy material, and in view of the near pristine condition of CE 399, what does the existence of these additional fragments do to the continued viability of the Single-Bullet Theory?
- j)Are the wounds not only consistent with all shots coming from behind (according to the photos and x-rays), but also consistent with having resulted from the type of rifle and the type of ammunition alleged to have caused them?
- k) Where are the apparently missing photographs known to have been taken of the chest cavity?
- II. All major evidentiary tests undertaken by and for the Warren Commission should be re-done. This would apply particularly to the Neutron Activation Analysis.
- III. Exculpatory evidence on Oswald should be considered thoroughly. The Warren Commission began with an assumption that Oswald was guilty (as its internal working papers prove) and dismissed such evidence out of hand.
- IV. The committee should investigate evidence that there is an on-going campaign being waged to point the finger at Castro. Those connected with these allegations have curious inter-relationships:
 - a) Jack Anderson -- Associates and sources include Edward P. Morgan, Frank Sturgis, and Hank Greenspun. Anderson owns a piece of Greenspun's LAS VEGAS SUN.
 - b) Edward P. Morgan -- Lawyer for Howard Hughes, Hank Greenspun, and John Roselli. Negotiated the sale of the Desert Inn from "Moe" Dalitz to Howard Hughes. Initial contact in the deal was Greenspun who received a part of Morgan's finders fee. Morgan was Anderson's source on the Castro stories. Dalitz has connections with Eugend Brading, arrested in Dealey Plaza on the day of the assassination.
 - c) Hank Greenspun -- Close friend of Mahey, Anderson, and Morgan. Had close ties to Hughes which ended at the same time Mahey's

did. Performed public relations for Dalitz' Flamingo Club.

- d)Frank Sturgis -- Friend of Anderson's since Bay of Pigs. Investigated by Warren Commission in 1964 because of his leaks to the Miami Herald implicating Castro in the assassination. Has had Organized Crime connections.
- e) Lonnie Hudkins -- Reporter involved in implicating connections between Oswald and the FBI and Castro and the assassinations. Allegedly was involved in a planned CIA contract assassination aimed at Cheddi Jagan. Had pre-assassination ties to the Dallas White Russian community with which Oswald associated.
- V. Some method should be found by which staff will be able to take sworn depositions if all the crucial testimony is to be taken, as it should be, under oath.
- VI. Beware of disinformation (e.g.McDonald). Be prepared for a flood of trivia from the FBI and CIA.

I hope the foregoing is of some help. If you have any questions I am at your disposal and will do anything I can to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely

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