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Dear Ms. Neely:

This is to inform you of the newest, largest and most definitive of the JFK assassination books, my seventh.

POST MORTEM is 660 pages, with name-and-subject index (44 columns). Approximately a third is until-now secret and top-secret documents reproduced in facsimile. These include documents the Warren Commission did not have. They are, I believe, unique in our history in the evidence they disclose and in the self-portrait of officials.

There are FBI pictures proving the official explanation of the assassination was knowingly wrong and that the FBI deliberately faked evidence. Really the entire "explanation" and "solution." The agent who did the most important of this deceiving retired during one of my many Freedom of Information suits for this suppressed evidence rather than face the need to testify under oath as a government representative.

To sum it up, as it relates to the medical evidence alone, POST MORTEM reproduces the actual official documents proving that even the official locating of each of JFK's wounds was wrong. With the ballistics evidence, the official documents suppressed until now prove official fakery. On this the pictures are dramatic.

Three of my lawsuits, one of which went to the Supreme Court and was the major reason cited for amending the law, produced much of this suppressed evidence. Fear of attention to other FOIA suits yielded other suppressed evidence, sometimes during the litigation, to abort it. In the last of these cases to go before a judge, the FBI certified that I know more about the subject than anyone in the FBI. Other suits are filed and pending.

What the Warren Commission did not have includes the records of the President's own physician which prove JFK was wounded other than where officially alleged; his verification of the actual location of the wounds; his approval of the burning of the first autopsy records; his receipt for those still officially missing; and the death certificate. The report of the secret Department of Justice panel of experts proves there was perjury before the Warren Commission on the wounds. It locates the fatal wound four inches higher on the head. These two rescues from official suppression and oblivion each destroy the Warren Report and require an autopsy of it. But they are not all. There are also the photographic and FBI lab reports that prove the shot in the front of the President's neck was from the front. This alone proves there was a conspiracy.

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So thorough is this work that it focuses also on the shot that is admitted to have missed. The evidence proving that the official accounts of it were faked ranges from the suppressed lab test to pictures showing the point of impact was obliterated during the months the FBI pretended it could not find that point of impact. It had contemporaneous pictures, which are reproduced with those showing the patching of this mark.

Even the Commission's Top Secret executive session at which it admitted to itself that Hoover and the FBI had them boxed in and prevented any real investigation is reproduced in facsimile. It closes with agreement with Allen Dulles' comment, "I think this record ought to be destroyed." All records of that record were destroyed. When I sued for the stenotypist's tape, the government had it transcribed, of all places, at the Pentagon and gave it to me rather than risk the forum of a federal court.

This is another of what, with Bantam, would call a "special." It is another of my books that are news and I must handle as news. It is in manufacture. I will have copies in a month, but I will not be able to hold this kind of information for the normal review period.

Not for any use but to give you an understanding of why I must forego the possible benefits of reviews, the Senate wants this proof immediately. I have promised it and I do expect it to be used in the Senate before there can be any prepublication review. However, I will be glad to send Mr. Johnston a copy as soon as I have the first if he desires. The content is germane to the work of the Church committee, two members of which have been in touch with me. My ethical standards preclude any exploitation of this unless and until the Senators elect to credit the book. Thus I tell you this in confidence. However, I hope you will take it as a reflection of the content of a book that reports and is based on an unprecedented investigation of unprecedented means, yielding unprecedented results and evidence.

I write you this explanation instead of a release because, while the sale of the book is important for commercial reasons, commercialism itself is foreign to my approach on this tragic subject. Yet I need to sell the book for it to serve its purpose, to inform.

My last book, WHITEWASH IV: TOP SECRET JFK Assassination Transcript, is the only one PW did not mention. It was used in the Senate as the basis for the Church committee's inclusion of a JFK assassination investigation subcommittee. It was front-page news throughout the world. News attention focused on Dulles' incredible statement when he expected perpetual secrecy, that perjury is the CIA and FBI way of life, a dedication to patriotism. It is now almost a year since this book appeared. Orders from bookstores increase almost daily.

I do hope you will let the trade know the book is coming and that, as so many bookstores know, it will be available under customary conditions. Small as I am, I am a publisher and I do advertise in Books in Print. PW is the only way I have of reaching the stores so I can service them. And so they can serve the people, which is the way representative society works, by the people being informed.

Sincerely,

cc: Albert Johnston

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