Two weeks ago yesterday I was hospitalized for what was to have beek/a day abd a half that feted for two works. Twas allowed howe yesterday in time to read the mail of those two week. I. becill to respond on ny $83 r \mathbb{d}$ birthday. Responding to all of it Will take some time. I'Il not bn able to rems rend to punch of it, a foully as in the pasties, as I hope sone of you will be able tatunderstand. It fine a box that held 100 fill e pelops folders. Ito weeks of book orders h eve also accumulated and filling and ralline them will also take time. As will additional medical appointments several of which follow today. ind, perhaps from two weeks ohg physical activity at all instead d of the tui limited physical activity that had been possible for me I am also a bit worker.

The initial dingrosis at the hospital, band om fluid in My chemist, was congestive heart fianlure. Not quite a full quart of fluid was taken from my west. Analysis of it disclosed nothing. Several cultures were made. It will be dome time before the results of thin willybo available.

I was told I have some anemia ald that ny kidney function is less than it should be. -
The fluid was not in my lungs and there was no blood in it.
If the doctors learned more than this I wa: not Cold. Setreral psecialists wore involved and at leach ono of thu will continue to be in ex emanations. I. do not suggest that the doctors learned more than they told ne.

I was ambulatory all the time that + was hospitalized and to a degree I was able to cofintinue work. I've about completed research for another manuscript that can be of book length. When I can get to it!

I hope this explains my delay in responding and in my responding at less length than in the past.

For which I am spry but my first priority remains completing the work to the degree now possible for me.

Harold Heisberrid4/8/96
Thanks for the urfortmately justified The (jythmakors article and the CD 1216, which I did not have in that form. I have the original CIA records on wisich it is based... Nothings in Hosty's. book is credible. I've a book-length ms. on it...Sorry I've no time for more now. Thanks and best, H

Dear Harold
I've enclosed two items of interest.

- Time Magizine (Not the best source we know) reported however in their November 11, 1966 issue that
- "The (autopsy) photo's were examined last week by two of the autopsy doctors.
They agreed that the evidence fully Corroborates' their testimony before the Warren Commission.

Amazing $>$ As we know both the back/weck wound is much different and as you once wrote the head wound has been moved by four inches or "no silly millemeter".

- Rhetorically, since both wounds are in a distinctly different location, what again does this say about their credibility?
- Hosty and his whole Mexico City claims about LHO ignore many things (the tape recording of a man's Voice the FBI claimed wasn't $\angle H O$; wo photos of Oswald from survailance cameras. And CD $1216^{\text {Enclosed }}$ from the CIA to Rankin mentions their uncertainty that 'Oswald' spoke to kostikou at all.

By the way, could you believe Hasty. His version of the shooting is that the Tague shot hit the curb then ricocheted across the street causing dust on the knoll to fly up in the air and that was the puff of smoke that bystanders saw. [(see page 253): Assignment Oswald by Hosta]

At one point in the book he utilizes Posner's prize: The Willis girl as being indicative of more time ("River seconds" $\mathrm{-pg}, 250$ ) to accomplishis the shooting. He however does not mention the willis girl by name ("a little girl") but then goes on to say that "Dozens of people, including law enforcement officer's, swarmed up to the grassy Knoll-no doubt confused $6 y$ the unusual acoustics of Dealey Plaza". (P253). Interesting, the girl looking towards the TSBD is evidence of an early shot from there but she was not confused by the acoustics as were many other people.

He mentions that JFK's "He fibers" were turned outward, consistant with an exit wound (P250) but doesn't begin to describe either the character of the wound nor the lack of copper tracings in that very same tie knot. I've always thought that your explanation of scissors relating to a "puncture wound" makes a lot of sense both with the tie knot and the throat.

Well, we could go on and on, but Hasty does Seem to say, in so many words, that Revill made up. Some of what transpired between them that day (pg 145-146).

I'm wishing you the very best and think of you quite often when my thoughts revert to Dallas. I want to sincerely thank you for all the ground that youive broken on this case, and look forward to more of your writings.

