

3/13/70

Dear Harold,

I have been feeling pretty low all day today, yet, upon arriving home and finding your letter there, things cheered up. The enclosures which came with your letter to me of 3/10 are splendid and of great importance as you must well be aware. I will strat with everything but the confidential memo on SS meetinf. Let that wait till last so I can make detailed comments.

What Fisher sent you is smashing. You now have my latest and final thing with him. From what I gather by your synopsis of the letter, many things in my own correspondance with them become clearer. That they destroyed all intermediate copies is something which defies all logic unless those drafts contained things truly "worthy" of burning. Humes set the unfortunate precedent. If for no other reason, Fisher should have avoided his destruction only because Humes' similar act generated so much suspicion. As for the possibility of disagreements between the other members and himself, consider some things in my own letters from them. ~~XXXXXX~~ According to Morgan, there is the distict possibility that the X-rays showed evidence of bone damage. He says that the bullet "apparently" scraped against the transverse process. This could mean two things: 1) bone damage was "apparent" on the X-rays, or 2) since the WC concluded jacketed ammo was used, the bullet "apparently" had to hit bone to loose fragments even though the damage could not be seen on X-rays. Then there is the Carnes letter which does in certain ways puzzle me. If what the DJ released was the original report submitted to the AG, then Carnes is wrong about the detailed description of the fragments, no? Or did Morgan originally write a detailed description to be included in the report and Fisher changed it? Another disagreement would seem to me to be the question of Panel spokesman. According to Moritz, this is Fisher. But not so with the other two who are answering without consulting the big F.

I feel that Carnes could be a key man. Ho seemed sincere in his letter although he did not specifically answer what I asked him. However, I feel that he was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ possibly intimidated by Fisher. Note that he never answered Fisher about my letter and also note the tone of his second to me. He might just be the one to get the most fed up with with this crap about answering to Fisher.

Your 3/10 to me: Unfortunately nothing in any media about your suit. But CONGRADULATIONS! Once I know more about who you filed against and for what, and if nothing appears in the news, then I'll call the TV, radio, and newspapers here and find out why their asses are dragging, possibly stir them up.

You have my carbon to Lifton. I appreciate your warning and do respect it. I do intend a short correspondance with him so again I say, do not worry...Thanks for answering my LHO thoughts. Your comments are quite good.

I hope soon to send Dick all copies of my Panel mail. I regret I did not do this to begin with. I had the wrong ideas about keeping things confidential. Secrets should not be kept for the sake of keeping secrets. And these are things which he definately should see.

Since I'm filing the SS memo under Secret Service, I'll respond to that in a different letter.

cc Dick

Best,

