

Howard(ccDick)

5/15/70

Were I not too weary to trust my mind with other things, I'd not now be responding to your 5/12 with Newco, b, Coup memo enclosures. U return Newcomb herewith. I want no copy. If you sent my suggestion, tell Fred (which is euphemism for telling Lifton) that Skolnick is a charlatan, that that the only contact his fiction touted as suit has with reality is what he stole from COUP. Of whatever you want. I really do not care. I return it herewith. I warn you of Fred's work. Much of the 133a and B work, which he initially did for me, on pictures I provided made from the negatives, is good. Some may not be. The rest of Probe, as I recall, is wrong and unkind. The stuff on the train is crap.

Beating Justice, with all the nastiness and childishness and minor abuses of the past week has the stench of viscera in me and it sickens. And wearies so. Today I gave them a list of what I want and if they withhold or even delay a single page Bud and I have agreed we are back in court immediately.

I read your things yesterday while doing other things and made a few marginal notes from which I hope I can make adequate response.

Re 5/4 to Dick: Urge you to ask Wecht as little as possible. He is abnormally active and anything can be a burden. F should be enough. After you are finished, I'd ask W to read, or if you do not believe F, etc,

I'd forgotten the CD 47 bit came from Fred. Why not ask him how he knows that, none of it having appeared in the press you saw?

Suggest you check formulation of "bullet that will leave fragments in soft tissue without striking bone" with Dick. There are such, but from my very limited knowledge, I believe none leaving fragments of this character without some other cause. One of the things I'd wonder about is size. Composition is also important in breakup, I believe, and perhaps mass. Writing under another name sounds good, but I don't regard F as a fool.

Doubts and concerns about what did or could have happened when the car was washed will, I fear, be perpetual now. As es-Perry calls: this was second.

I do have plans for Pix, X-rays, first laying basis, prob as separate suit filed about simultaneously. Prob another on shirt pix, too. Most of rest in single one, oriented around panel. That's half drafted now. Also interrupted.

Sylvia's book may be a remainder now. As around. It would then cost about a buck. There are store specializing in these. You can always get from publishers, but that is \$8.00

Coup memo. By "immediate" cause of death I am referring to exactly that which you quote from Perry. A bullet wound might not be fatal in the city, with help available, whereas it would on a hunting trip. There is no doubt that without help Rub's shot would have been fatal. The doubt remains that without the delay, without this maltreatment, would it have been or would it have been possible for Oswald to say anything. I had overlooked this/ quote. Shires had sole me. I'd Shires is right about loss of blood causing death, the question that come up is where this starts, did treatment cause more or more rapid loss of blood. If you find more re last paragraph, it would interest me much.