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Dear Paul,

In my suit for what the FBI is withholding relating to the spectrographic and neutron activation analyses in the JFK case we have begun to take depositions. There is a favor you can do me in connection with them that would be very helpful and would whatever the outcome help make a much better public record than now exists.

Aside from anything you can think of I need clear prints of the pictures of the curbstone struck by something that sprayed enough concrete to give Jim Tague the slight face wound. I also need Tague's address. He phoned me several weeks ago, said he would write me and he has not.

Yesterday Fragier actually swore that there was absolutely no mechanical damage to the curbstone. This gives us magic concrete in addition to magic bullets. I have forgotten whether there is an FBI report on the interview with Tague but I have those after interviewing both Dillard and Underwood. Both report a visible mark on the curb. Tague told me it was quite visible. The pictures show it. But Shaneyfelt was fairly skilled at taking pictures that show little and omit as much as possible. He even made the three stripes on JFK's shirt appear to be a single one.

Dillard is a good photographer. The Shaneyfelt version of his pictures are not good prints. He managed to make a mess of Underwood's in printing it from the 16mm. too. I have both. What I want is good prints only. I have already written all I'll write on this and I've oriented the Commission's version of these pictures so you can assure both and their employers that I will not publish these and do want them only for court record.

I want to ask Tague for the statement he offered.

If you know Dillard or Underwood if they would be willing to give me affidavits attesting to only what they told the FBI, that there was a visible mark, that would be helpful. I think it would mean more in the court record than merely filing the statements made by the FBI agents after speaking to them, the FD302s. These are already public domain.

I can't pay Tague to do it but I would love him to be able to come up to Washington and be deposed. If I could finance my getting down there I'd try it myself. But I will ask him for an affidavit. He phoned me after reading Post Mortem. I don't know how he got it. He did not buy it from me. Some bookstores in Dallas may have it. I have a profitless arrangement with a distributor to get some out.

My purpose in this is to establish that there are records I have not been given. To do this I am showing the need for such records. Motive is inherent where they are now claiming there is no record. I have worksheets showing the existence of some testing they claim was not made and thus no records. I am trying to perfect this record, that is all.

If you have any suggestions I'd welcome them.

Thanks for anything you may be able to do.

Best,