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Dear Paul,

Thanks for your notes of the 25th, which didn't get here until today, and the enclosed clipping. Glad you caught part of that Black Journal show. Sorry if you did not catch my simplified handling of the Nix film, which I think is the clearest of all on that one point, the backward motion of JFK's body.

It may interest you to know first, that Groden's film photo-optics were done originally for me; and that none of those three appeared on the Black Journal Show. Gregory and Groden were both supposed to. But they all know my strict belief that people's minds ought not be ripped off and my strong criticism of their playing games with fact, reality and even truth. Thus I was alone on it.

Groden is serious but knows nothing of the fact of the assassination. He has been swept away by all the attention but the worst I can say of him is that he is immature and easily persuaded. Gregory's intentions I have no doubt about, if I regard what he has done and is doing as utterly irresponsible, counter-productive and the best that has happened to the CIA since its troubles began. Schoenmann, however, I regard as a devious, evil man who regards hurting the government, any government, as justification for anything. To him it is an end in itself and he is without concern for any consequences, in this instance help to those who did wrong and impediment to cleaning up a long-overdue mess. In my experience (and I know them all well enough) he is without ethics and has, in the phrase of you lawyers, the conscience of a stiff prick.

He has never done any work of his own. Against that he does have principles when he can steal more easily. Thus you will find what he distorted at Bishop College appeared in 1971 in my Frame-Up, those identical pictures but without this misuse. The work dates to April, 1968, however, when I gave it to the FBI here.

It is not uncommon for colleges to tape these kinds of events. Nor is it for college papers to cover them more extensively than the commercial papers. If you can, without too much trouble, get me any tape that may exist or any other reporting I would welcome it. I am about to tangle - not tango - with these whores and I'd like to be as thoroughly prepared as possible. It happens that from helping me abort another such misdirection you learned something about those pictures and know there is no basis for believing they have any connection with the assassination. Your "old boy" post office source, as I recall, told you not that there were tramps but that they were winos. Another and official check made for me yielded this but not their names. I think that the police, whether or not they recorded the names, have to know those people. I'd sure love to pull this out of the hat when I confront! I'm surprised none of them has sued for libel. They have been identified as everything to LBJ's farm manager! If I did not want to avoid any possibility of embarrassing Henry Wade I'd suggest that he as the official who did have jurisdiction ask for this evidence, take it under oath, and put an end to some of this whoring with history and tragedy. And exculpation of the guilty.

On the book: there is, in practical terms, little I can do and still do anything else. Actually, I have been able to generate enough interest so that with the payment my wife just made we have reduced what my friend and colleague borrowed to pay the printer (only the printer) to \$2,400. It is selling slowly but steadily. The only radio program - the means by which I have been promoting the book, by phone - I have done that yielded no sale, not even a single inquiry, is on WRR. They had other of the nuts on the same show but not in confrontation, which I'd have preferred.

We are applying 100% of the gross to this debt. We are both more concerned about the country and the state of justice and to forcing the truth and fact out than we are about our personal finances, so we both stay overly busy on other matters. I personally package and mail all the books, not the way I prefer spending my time. I have, for example, obtained what is more sensational than that transcript. I could have written an important book around it but I could not have paid to print it. So, I am giving it away. No, not to the Schoenmanns. To a responsible conservative reporter who will use it when and how he sees fit. I have not even asked him when or how.

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Each of these things reminds me of my regret that none of those of means in Dallas has ever had any interest in lifting the curse on it from the assassination. They may be confident that they have no responsibility and may think that others feel this way but the fact is that this slander lingers. You have seen enough of my work to know that I am alone among those in disagreement with the official mythology to know that I believe otherwise. I have no idea who did the actual shooting but I do know and my work proves redundantly that the fault for all esse lies in Washington.

If as I could have I had written a book about this new evidence in a week and used facsimiles of that evidence and other relevant documents it would have been quite definitive even on intent. Nonparty, too. But then I've had the most definitive of all books completed for years and there has been no way of getting it printed. So I am left with a regret about which I can do nothing I have not tried. I merely continue doing other things.

I will have more soon. The Bureau in this case promised if for last week. They simple can't deliver what I've asked for. They'll attempt a substitute. They've been stalling since we had a meeting on their invitation on the 14th.

I suppose that some of these days Lonnie and Mary will be out to see the new stuff I have. I tipped him off on the transcript before I published it so he could be prepared and I've told him by phone of this newest. I hope you eventually find what he told me about. I hope that by the time my material finds a college home all others like his and yours can be represented in it with copies.

I have not tried to keep up to date on the grand jury. I have heard conflicting accounts and I have made no inquiries not to cause anyone any embarrassment. I know that all kinds of pressures can be applied to anyone, so what will happen and will not will be whatever does or does not happen. Foreman, in my opinion, is the biggest single enemy of justice in the country, a man whose kicks come from hurting others, too. His own kind of psychopath.

I must get to other things. Glad to hear from you and hope everything if okay.

Thanks and best,

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Dear Harold:

I enjoyed seeing you on Channel 13 (our educational channel) Thursday night. I got in on the interview late, but thought you were very good on putting your ideas across.

I enclose a clipping from the Dallas Times Herald of today. There is no news in regard to the Grand Jury inquiry on the obstruction of justice except that they are in session again.

Sorry I haven't been able to do something for you on the book sales, but have been tied up in several projects and some personal problems which are now behind me.

In regard to the message Lonnie left with me, I can't seem to find it in the 10 association volumes I went through. I have another 5 volumes somewhere. Some how I can recall either the paper and numbers or the telegram.

Keep in touch.

Best regards,



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