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Dear Mr. Scovitch,

Unless my memory fails me, your 7/12 #Happy Bastille Day! greeting is appropriate today!

It is so long since I was able to go to the Archives the personnel are strange to me.

While I think the tracing of JFK's brain is a worthwhile project I did not make the effort because I have no reason to believe it can yield anything not known. There is a limitation to what others know because they have not sought or understood the available evidence.

I would not be surprised if it was buried.

Larry Howard was never in touch with me and I was not with him.

It is my understanding that the Dallas City Archive is controlled by the city administration. I think the archivist is named something like Smilovick.

The commission published the bus routes from the Beckley address. One bus went past or near the Texas Theater, as I remember it.

I have no reason to believe that Oswald had in mind such an escape as you indicate, as to Cuba or ~~LAKE~~ Louisiana. I think he went to the theater just not to be seen.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

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DEAR MR. WEISBERG: (HAPPY BASTILLE DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!)

JUST KEEPING IN TOUCH, GOSSIP, ETC. FOR YOUR INFO, MR. STEVE TILLEY, NATIONAL ARCHIVES, WASH., D.C. & COLLEGE PARK, MD., IS NOW HEAD AND CHIEF AND LIAISON FOR JFK ASSASSINATION ARCHIVE. JUST BETWEEN ME AND YOU, I WOULD SAY THAT HE IS ALERT AND WELL-VERSED, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW ALL AREAS OF BACKGROUND INFO AND TRIVIA. HE SAYS THAT, "THE ARCHIVES NEVER HAD THE PRESIDENT'S BRAIN OR BRAIN MATTER," THUS, "WE NEVER LOST IT." NOW, I CAN TELL YOU, MR. WEISBERG, THAT THE BRAIN WAS HELD AT THE OLD ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM FOR A FEW DAYS (CONSTITUTION AVE., NOW THE CURRENT SITE OF THE HIRSHHORN MUSEUM: THE ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM "RED BRICK" BUILDING WAS TORN DOWN). HOWEVER VIEWED, IT IS IN SOME DISPUTE ABOUT THE DOD (ARMY) AND THE ARCHIVES (NA) HAVING ANY CUSTODY OVER THE BRAIN, ETC. NOTE: IT IS MY ASSERTION, BASED ON ORAL NARRATIVES GIVEN TO ME ( BY MR. KENNETH VRTACNIK, WHEATON, MD.), THAT THE JFK BRAIN WAS HOUSED AT THE OLD ARMY MEDICAL MUSEUM FOR VIP VIEWING. K. VRTACNIK SAID THAT HE STOOD GUARD, "ON CQ DUTY OVER JFK'S BRAIN." (ALREADY RELATED TO J. LESAR). THIS SENTRY DUTY STORY FOR 20-26 NOV 1963, ETC., IS STILL SUBJECT TO FOIA VERIFICATION IN CASE 808, DOD FOIA (PENDING).

IN ADDITION, H. MEYER, AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, ARCHIVIST MILITARY, ASSERTED THAT (1989), "MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE BRAIN WAS GIVEN BACK BY THE ARCHIVES TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY FOR PRIVATE BURIAL." THUS, THIS AREA OF INTEREST IS UNCLEAR, BUT THE CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE NOW THAT THE DOD AND THE ARCHIVES AND THE KENNEDYS (AND THE FBI?) AGREED TO GIVE THE BRAIN A VERY SEPARATE AND SECRET BURIAL (AT ARLINGTON? DURING COSMETIC DECORATIONS AND CLOSURE PERIOD IN MAY 1965???) . PLEASE ASSERT SOME OF YOUR VIEW, ETC.

ANOTHER ITEM: THE DEATH OF THE LATE LARRY HOWARD IN DALLAS, TEXAS IN JANUARY 1994. THIS DEATH BY A STROKE SHOCKED MEN & WOMEN RESEARCHERS. I TOO WAS SHOCKED, BECAUSE I ..... (SEE OVER) .....

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HAD A RESEARCH REQUEST SENT TO HIM IN OCT 1993 AND IT WAS NOT FINALIZED, ETC., DUE TO TURNOVER AND CONFUSION. WHO HAS POWER AT THE DALLAS CITY ARCHIVE NOW? I DO NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND IT ALL. I REVIEWED SEVERAL DEATH NOTICES SENT TO ME ANON ON LARRY HOWARD. MR. HOWARD HAD RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM ME WHICH WAS TO BASICALLY OBTAIN INFO ON VARIOUS BUS ROUTES IN AND OUT OF DALLAS.

THE SPECIFIC VIEW WAS THAT THE OAK CLIFF, DALLAS, BUS ROUTES, NEAR TO THE OSWALD ROOMING HOUSE (NOV 1963) WOULD INDICATE AN ESCAPE ROUTE AS IN THE J. WILKES BOOTH MATTER. WHAT WAS THE GENERAL ESCAPE ROUTE? TO DAVID FERRY IN LOUISIANA? FOR A FLIGHT TO CUBA? SINCE OSWALD HAD NO CAR OR ABILITY TO DRIVE, THEN HE WOULD GO BY BUS. YES? TO FERRY? TO CUBA? I SAY, YES! (BY A FORCED PLANE RIDE AT GUNPOINT). SPECULATE AND DISCUSS.

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