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Dear Chip,

Yesterday's argument has me utterly exhausted today. That is an entirely new experience for me. It is also one that will not be repeated.

Although when you phoned you did not spell your new project out I was under the impression you were seeking what you might use in it. It is so locked in concrete already there will be no point in making any other suggestions and I will not. However, I'll respond to any questions you may have and you are welcome to anything I have that can be of interest to you.

You were so much the captive of preconceptions it did not register on you that you accused me of faking. When I noted that you did not react at all. It meant nothing to you.

If before now you have not explored what the prosecutors could have known and when they could have known it how can you consider you are in a position to write about that?

You denied steadfastly that the doctors' press conference was reported immediately and that the papers dated 11/23 appeared the night before and that has been the practise since I can remember and I do remember getting the Philadelphia Record dated the next day regularly in Wilmington before midnight the day before the date on the papers. That was in the early 1930s.

Those earliest editions, which used to be called the "~~bulldog~~" "bulldog" editions are both on sale in the cities, like Washington, and New York, and are used for outlying areas. What is delivered to us is here by 2 a.m. In that time, after being printed, it is trucked to Frederick from Washington, probably with stops in between, and we are not at the beginning of the route. Yesterday morning one of the Post's Frederick carriers, the one who handles the wholesale deliveries, like to the stores and motels, gave me a copy of the three-star or final edition at the end of his deliveries at 4:30 a.m. He gave it to me because it had the full report, including the box score of the Orioles' game and the leagues' standings he knew was not in the paper we get at home.

We talked only about the time the White House ~~is~~ transcript of that press conference was made available. There were reporters at the press conference and they did not hold their reports until ^{they had} a transcript was not available ^{that} to them ^{any way!}. There is no doubt that radio at least carried it not later than 3 p.m. Washington time. Perhaps without too much trouble AP can tell you when they first aired it. Or if you have the NBC or similar books you may find their first TV airing dated.

When I told you I have both the Post and the Times with their references to

what Perry and Clark said, and I do quote them in NEVER AGAIN! you did not ever ask to see them. Had I been in better condition I'd have gotten them from the fat file in which they are and given them to you.

If you look at the protocol you'll find that it ^qquotes that very story, the part that refers to what it was said ^HBob Jackson said he saw. That much I remember. If there was ^gmore I do not remember it.

You actually took the position that Dr. Ebersole had reason for lying about being there when ^HHumes phoned Perry from the autopsy room and that ^HHumes had no reason to ^{lie}about it. But the official record is clear beyond question, Humes did lie in insisting that he made ^{by}one call to Perry and that during the day after the assassination. He lied about much else, too, and some of it was without any real question, perjury. I gave you the illustration of his notes. So, you can depend on his word and not on the word of anyone else who says other than he said?

I have the Ebersole HSCA transcript and you can read or copy it. What reason in the world could he have had for lying? He was pushed by the questioners, too.

What also surprises me is that you are so fixed in your mind about this project yet in all the months you have had it you have yet to finish NEVER AGAIN! I quote Ebersole at some length in the Afterword beginning on page 472. The citations of the HSCA transcript are on 477.

That the restricted ^{ive}orders were ^ualloway is in Finck's HSCA testimony as well as his New Orleans testimony, pages 481-2.

Galloway told HSCA that he was present throughout the autopsy and that no orders came from outside the ^gautopsy room (page 482).

All of the originals of these things and of more are in the box I called to your attention.

Your rigidity and your refusal to even think about what was not in your mind surprised me. Very much.

I am no judge of what cable TV will go for but The Single Bullet Theory Revisited does not sound very exciting. Especially not with all that is available and all that can be said and done.

I hope you can find it possible to try to detach yourself ~~from~~ from what seems so fixed in your mind and give your project more thought.

Sincerely,

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