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Dear Gary:

I'm into so much in writing and with the forgetfulness that comes with the years I do not remember ~~as~~ clearly but I am sure I wrote Kizzia, when he was so long silent after getting the ms. of NEVER AGAIN! that if there are objections to some of what I wrote and did not recall ^{writing} in 1992- I'm willing to make changes. Save for his letter telling me of your victory I've heard nothing further from him. Including in response to my request for a copy of the ms. because I cannot find the one I have.

Because I do not have the ms. I do not know what is after each of the placed you'd like removed. I see no problem with the removals. I merely substitute the end of the lawsuit. In the first mention I can say see ~~it~~ and then refer to the second and in the second I can replace what you'd like out with a brief account of the suit and its end, including what the News and JAMA published.

But, assuming that NEVER AGAIN! is not suppressed, as now seems likely, I'll be glad to send those changes up. However, I need more than these two pages to do that right. If just cut out it jars and is incomplete. So, please send me the pages that follow these two that I need to have it make sense and I'll do that.

As I told you, as soon as I got Kizzia's letter I removed the paperclips I had on so many pages because in storage they can rust and gave those transcripts to the local college where all my records will be so students and those who come to use the Meagher records that are already there ^{can} and use them. So this is what I need to replace the copy on the second page you sent, 265. First, what follows in that quote from Breo. it seems to me that after that I can include the suit and its end. Then the full title of the lawsuit, including all defendants, its number in the court where filed and then when the correcting stories appeared. *and what they say.*

I have no recollection of what I wrote about your writing but I see no problem in eliminating that. When I know what it is and can provide continuity.

I am sorely disappointed when I took all the time I did to be able to help him, and for me, at this stage of my life, that time is very important to me, Brad had not replied at all to my request for a copy of my own ms. My copy may be around here someplace of as has happened with much when I give all others ~~a~~ unsupervised access to all I have it could have been stolen. Livingstone's crook of a copy, Waybright, did steal much. I am now so limited physically there is not much searching I can do. Besides NEVER AGAIN! and the 75, or more that was cut out of Case Open I've another ms. the length of NEVER AGAIN! and a shorter one in rough draft and I'm getting close to the end of another. Without any plans to offer them to Carroll & Graf after these experiences with no ~~same~~ agent or means of getting one I am devoting what time remains for me to making the record I can for out history. So when the book is not published, I think you can understand my anxiety to have a copy of the retyped and edited ms. Best wishes,

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold,

Please accept my apologies for not replying sooner to your November 5, 1994 letter. You caught me well behind on several projects; not the least of which was the final preparations and execution of the five-day fourth annual Assassination Symposium on President Kennedy. It was a good one. Wish you could have been there.

Thank you for the congratulations regarding the JAMA lawsuit. I must admit it was sweet. We appreciate so much your kind -- and substantial -- contribution to this victory. You can rest assured that you will receive a copy of our rebuttal articles that The Dallas Morning News and JAMA will have to publish as soon as they are in ready form.

Concerning your manuscript Never Again!, there are a couple of references to Dr. Crenshaw and I that I wish you would consider re-doing and perhaps softening somewhat. I am attaching marked copies of these portions for your ready reference and offer the following remarks for your consideration: (1) Jens Hansen (the other co-author with Dr. Crenshaw and I) is not, and never has been, a "buff." (2) Dr. Crenshaw has never said that LBJ called personally for him. He simply took the call at the request of one of the nurses since he was the attending doctor who was least tied-up at the time with the treatment of Oswald. By the way, we now have complete corroboration of the phone call. It comes from Parkland's chief switchboard operator at the time, and others. (3) I truly regret that your perception of me is as you stated in the manuscript; though I would probably have to plead guilty to a small portion of your characterization. However, you need to know that I have never presented any of my theorising as "fact." I have always been very careful to call it just what it was -- speculation or conjecture on my part. Some of your perception of me probably comes from what you have been told or seen written. At any rate, I would never ask you to change that perception, or the writing -- but I wish you would...or perhaps eliminate me altogether from the manuscript.

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Again, thank you for taking the time to write; and, most of all, for all your wonderful help and assistance. I trust that you are feeling somewhat better. Please know that I think of you often (fondly) and have offered a few prayers on your behalf. Give my warmest regards to your sweet wife.

Sincerely,



J. Gary Shaw

Enc: As noted above.

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they thought it could serve their interests and when they had no choice. As recently as ~~for publication in~~ Harry Livingstone's 1992 book, Boswell did agree to be interviewed and was interviewed. ^(I have not listed all the known interviews of both doctors.)

~~Humes spoke in public on nationwide TV when before the House Select Committee on Assassination. That very public testimony of September 7, 1978 was also aired internationally by radio and by the print press. It also was published in the committee's first volume of hearings beginning on page 323.~~

~~Without the need to do any research, from recollection alone it is obvious that the exact opposite of JAMA's almost stupefying false representation, that the autopsy pathologists agreed to be interviewed by it in "their first-ever public discussion of the case" and that in this they ended their "twenty-eight years of silence."~~

It is this emotionally attractive, human-interest approach that JAMA exploited to launch its campaign to defend the Warren

~~Commission and Lundberg's friends, the autopsy pathologists.~~

Breo's second article is dramatized in JAMA's press conference with this headline, "DALLAS PHYSICIANS SUPPORT AUTOPSY, DENOUNCE CONSPIRACY THEORY BY EX-COLLEAGUE." (The former colleague is Dr. Charles Crenshaw. He had put his name and reputation in the hands of imaginative and inaccurate "buffs" who ^{since} ~~do theorize conspiracies in his~~ cheap sensationalism in his the slim paperback, JFK: Conspiracy of Silence. {Signet, 1992})

~~As with the autopsy pathologists, JAMA jerks at the heartstrings still again in flacking for greater attendance at its press conference in saying of the four Dallas doctors interviewed~~

movie so incensing him after seven years of refusing even he stacked-deck protection he got from Lundberg he finally agreed to it, Humes did not have "much ongoing interest in the autopsy?"

This is not easy to believe!

Twice in the interview as quoted in *JAMA* did Humes nonetheless display emotion.

Once was when asked about the pot-boiling book a Parkland Hospital resident at the time of the assassination, Charles Crenshaw, wrote with two coauthors who never saw a conspiracy theory they didn't love and at least one of who has clung simultaneously to mutually-refuting conspiracy theories, a triviality of a book in which Crenshaw portrays himself as so important President Johnson phoned to speak to him. "Humes exploded," Breo writes.

Aside from what Crenshaw alleges making no sense at all and not being credible in any detail, that LBJ phoned to demand that the doctors get a death-bed confession from Oswald, with all those who would have been privy to any such stupidity, I have the White House phone logs and the Secret Service transportation records for that period. There is no such call listed and where LBJ was at the time, which was the time of the funeral ceremonies, make it virtually 100 percent impossible.

Here is what Breo wrote about that:

Coincidentally, on the second day of the interviews, Boswell told the group that a Fort Worth physician, Charles Crenshaw, MD, had appeared on TV that very morning to argue the claim in his recent book, *JFK: Conspiracy of Silence*, that when he allegedly observed the dead President at Dallas' Parkland Hospital, he was positive that the bullets struck Kennedy from the front, not the back, "as the public has been led to believe." Crenshaw, who was a surgical resident in 1963, is not mentioned in the Warren Commission's 888-page summary report and his 203-page, generously spaced paperback was written with the aid of two assassination-conspiracy buffs. Crenshaw's book is only the latest in a long parade of conspiracy theories purporting to tell how Kennedy was really killed, including the 1991 release of Oliver Stone's film, *JFK*. Humes and Boswell had agreed to the *JAMA* interview without the slightest idea that Crenshaw's book had been published.

Now, his face incredulous with disbelief, Humes exploded with his summation. Pointing toward the window, the exasperated pathologist said, "If a bullet or a BB were fired through that window, it would leave a small hole where it