

gone out of my way to defend the agents who were detailed with JFK that day. And others in FRS. One of whom was libelled by an egocentric~~g~~ gunsmith named Donahue who came up with the impossible theory that he had killed JFK by accident. That retired agent is named George Hickey.

Another retired agent of that detail was in touch with me by phone from time to time. ~~He~~ and he said others were convinced there had been a conspiracy to kill JFK. ~~He~~ told me that Hickey had psychiatric problems otherwise he'd have sued Donahue and the publisher of his ghosted Mortal Error. As we talked I encouraged him to have Hickey's daughter get in touch with me. She did, by phone, and I urged he to speak to Jim Lesar, to use my name as suggesting this to her, and I sent her some of what I have that I believe could be used. Jim never got around to telling me that she had, that he had taken the case, and that he got a young lawyer named Mark Zaid to help on it. After you left yesterday he phoned to tell me that they will be deposing me probably early next month. I'd told Donahue long before the book that what he theorized was impossible and where he could see the proof.

I am not confident that if it came out I saw to it that Hickey could be represented by a lawyer that would ^{NOT} be helpful to Hickey, the only reason I ask that you keep this to yourself.

Jim has gone over my file and copied what he wants for the case.

If you think the content of what I sent the law-school dean and ARRB could be of interest, I can lend you the disk. It will cost more to get it xeroxed and to mail the xerox but I can do that. *I'd ask Jerry to.*

If after you read Waketh you decide you'd like the second epilogue, please let Jerry McKnight know because he can get the copies made and mail it easier than I. It is a bit over 250 pages and Staples here charges \$19 a page.

You see, if I did not make that clear, welcome to copies of anything I ~~do~~ have done ~~to~~ for history's record but I ask that you make no uses of any of it that can get me involved in what I'm now too feeble for, controversies with the assassination nuts.

My typing being what it is, in addition to McKnight those who can provide ~~to~~ copies and might be of help to you otherwise are identified on the back of the first page with copies of mailing labels to them. Neichter is a lawyer who is a Cooper fan~~g~~ and whose family was friendly with Cooper ^{He} who is, aside fro being my dead friend, seeking to improve the Cooper archive at their Alma ^{Ma} Mater. It seems that Cooper kept much secret and left few records that were found.

As things come to mind. McKnight has copies of all the executive session transcripts I did not publish in facsimile, as I did in WV IV and Post Mortem.

Without ~~my~~ asking him to ^{He}ichter ~~provided~~ the copy of Waketh from which the copy you borrowed was made. He is a fine person and does all he can to help others and has always refused to let me pay him. He has provided some of the copies some of the others have.

Wrone is starting to retire from the Univ. Wisc. Stevens Point where he has for years been a tenured prof. of history. MacDonald and Ginocchio are sociologists who are his former students but did not know that until they met in graduate school. Lil and I are fond of all of them and their wives.

~~Be~~ Before I get onto other things I do not want to forget what when I thought of it led me to write you so promptly. I believe that any examination of the media and the assassinations should treat the absolute refusal of any of the media to raise even a question about the Warren Commission proceeding in total secrecy when if Ruby had not been allowed to kill Oswald (and I do not mean to suggest he was allowed deliberately) there would have been no secrecy at any public trial. Compare this, for example, with the media and the Simpson case. OJ.

You will see that all the media knew the first day and with the first word from the doctors that they believed JFK was shot from the front. But the media forgot that when the Commission got going. For a while, however, it did try to report in terms of that shot coming from the front and still coming from Oswald. It had the President turned around so he could be shot in the front.

Wisconsin/Wrone has 25 boxes of NYTimes, AP wire and the San Francisco Bay area coverage provided by my late dear friend Jim White, who with his wife Jennifer did that collecting. She did the filing. I told you about ^{He was with P. Wrone} his coauthored biblio. that was published by the name I could not remember, Greenway.

I should have mentioned for when you are here again that you go over what I have filed under FBI/DeLoach in the subject file. There is a little media stuff in it. You'll be able to tell by the titles on the folders. That is the File Classification 94 stuff, "Research Matters, I did mention.

MacDonald and Ginocchio did a paper on what they found here and they are expanding that into a book. Both fine men.

We are glad we met and we do thank you for the lunch. Glad you liked those crab cakes, too.

Best,
Lil