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Thank you for the beautiful card and the enclosed letter.

I have recovered well from the open-heart surgery, thank you, but there is a complication: a hernia developed at the bottom of the sternum. When I was at the Baltimore hospital for another checkup the surgeon examined it and offered the opinion that it is probable there will be not further enlargement of it. Surgery to correct this kind of hernia normally is not indicated. So, I am hopeful that it will be no more of a problem than the addition physical-activities limitations.

I think it is almost inevitable that work on any political assassination will expand the more one gets into it and learns what was not made public. Each new thing of substance points to something else and the process continues. We do learn more this way but there is no assurance what we learn will lead to any assassins or their backers.

Gunnar Wall was ^{ve}informative about what his work to date on the Palme assassination indicates. It seems that in many ways what happened there was scripted here.

The Ricky White story is not only somewhat improbable - it is completely impossible. What he says in his appearances falls far short of what he has alleged here. It is a cheap exploitation based on plagiarisms that include of all things a novel and by a man who seeks to enrich himself at the cost of his dead father's reputation.

I take it that you mean by "the same source that out" him "in the limelight" you mean that gang of factual ignoramuses and idle dreamers of conspiracies, the Dallas JFK Information center. I never hear from them and there is now even less possibility because I've been debunking the White concoctions so I can't really answer you on this. I did hear from others that supposedly the pictures you see refer to yours taken but I do not know by whom or what they depict. As a result, I can't offer an opinion of the conclusion attributed to the Swedish pathologist. However, in a broader sense than the words you use have to mean, whatever shooting there was and was not and however those shots went or impacted, it is beyond question that at least one shot was fired from the rear. In addition, all the information I have, officially and as a result of my own inquiries, is that the President's body was not turned over in Dallas. Therefore, it is not possible to say JFK was not shot in the back. Until I have absolute proof that such pictures were taken I do not believe they or any others were then and there. (Your words are "could not have been shot from behind!")

Was the Swedish pathologist in the US or was the man who supposedly had those pictures in Sweden so that the pathologist could see them? Do you know who displayed the pictures to him?

Pathologists ordinarily do work on only what is before them but I think that in a case where there has been so much written and so much fabricated it would have been helpful if Dr. Rajs had been familiar with the history. I have no reason to believe that those pictures were taken then and absent confirmation believe they are not genuine.

Moreover, there is no direct quotation of Dr. Rajs and those people have a history of giving special interpretations that are not precise when they are not entirely wrong. The best of them is economical about truth. And I've known them to lie. Not one of them has made any real investigation. They chase the ghosts of imagined conspiracies.

I'm trying to explain, not to evade. You ask is this true and my answer to that is that I believe it is not true but that I cannot absolutely rule out the possibility that in some way not observed by those present - and always there was a Secret Service agent with the corpse - but I think there is very, very little probability.

I hope that you and your family have a fine holiday season and that the coming year is better for all of us than common sense indicates it is likely to be.

Sincerely,

Södertälje, Sweden

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Dear Harold,

Hopefully you have recovered well after all that surgery you went through last year. I am still working on the book on the murder of Olof Palme. The work seems to expand all the time, I already have about 300 pages written together with my brother. In the course of my work I have got to know a lot of people with an interest in the Palme-case. One such person is Gunnar Wall, he is a journalist working for a small paper (circulation about 3000 copies) on the far left-wing (Trotskyist I think). Wall told me he was interested in the Kennedy-case and asked me if I knew any good literature on it. I recommended him to contact you. He told me he had talked with you and found your views on the case fascinating. He said he planned to visit you if he gets a grant on journalism he has applied for. (He doubts he'll get the grant though.)

I have got cable TV so I can see CNN, I was surprised to see the coverage the Ricky White story got. He even appeared on the Larry King show, which I missed, because there wasn't the usual repeat on European day-time. Why the repeat was canceled I don't know. Although the White story seems somewhat unlikely it got coverage in the press over here also. The latest I have read about over here is that the same source that put Ricky White in the spotlight now claims to be in possession of previously unknown photos of Kennedy taken at Parkland Hospital. He has shown them to Jovan Rajs, a Swedish forensic pathologist - he is one in the team who did the autopsy on Olof Palme. Rajs is supposed to

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have said that the photos show that Kennedy could not have been shot from behind! If true, this is of course sensational. Do you have any comment?

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