

Dear Hal,

5/31/96

I've had a leaking heart valve that I've known about for close to 20 years. The surgeon who gave me the plastic artery in 1980 was, I think, the inventor of the first of those heart valves. There is one thing that is important with them, to pre-medicate before ^{after} going to the dentist. Dental debris can cause an infectⁱⁿ there. Penicillin is I think preferred. I'm to take erythromycin. Your cardiologist should instruct you and your dentist should be informed.

Aside from my heart seeming to get weaker, my legs are giving me ever so much more trouble and limit me more.

An 83-year-old woman friend of ours recently had a heart replac^ed. She feels ever so much better and did not have a hard time of it. I did not with the heart operation.

That wonderful, generous Bill Mills sent me two bound copies of Hosty's Pudding but they are a single paragraph for the entire book. He told me they are having trouble with the new computer but the diskette I sent him was paragraphed, with indentations and page numbers.

Sounds like a good way to begin your book. I suggest again that when you refer to shots you refer to "audible" shots. Silencers may not have been used but with most people reporting three shots that would have meant a problem, if more shots were heard than were fired or the other way around.

Anyone who supports the official mythology cannot be a "researcher."

I was surprised that Paul would be part of that LaFontaine commercialization and exploitation, I do not know Adams but in what I've written I ridicule him as what they called him, the cavalry.

When they interviewed Elrod for their Hard Copy show they got 33 cassettes. That means they had much to choose from. On the show he did not once say or even hint at what they say in the book, meaning that he said. He refused to.

I've a book-length ms. on that and I'm nearing the end of one Honorable Men about the Commission's counsels. Who called themselves that. And my file on what they said and on their press conference after the Stone movie is in the basement and I cannot get it. If you have copies I'll appreciate that. I can add it. I hope to finish the writing before you can get this.

If you want, feel free to use anything of mine. I encourage you to read in my Perry and Carrico interviews at the least.

thanks and best,

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Dear Hal =

This week-end is a long one for me as I have 3 days off from work due to the Memorial Day holiday. So I have time to sit down and write you and keep you posted about what was doing on the West Coast.

I'm sorry to read about the physical problems you're having and it is my hope and concern that the treatment you'll be receiving will ~~not~~ work out for both you and your wife.

I recently returned from the doctor and, as you may have heard from me some time back ~~that~~ I had a slight heart problem (arrhythmia/which was corrected) but apparently a recent "echo" test I took turned up another problem. It appears that one of the valves of my heart has been found to have a leak. The doctor did give me medication for this which I'm now taking but said that he'll be monitoring me to see how this goes. He did say, however, that there may exist the possibility of an operation for valve replacement ~~but~~ but he said this would have to be considered if necessary. He then said I may want

to get a "second opinion" on this. Of course, I'll have to wait & see how this develops. My blood pressure has continued to be high but in my opinion that is something one can live with with proper medication. (We all know people who live with it everyday).

But I do want to get on to other matters. Yes, - I did receive your ms on the Hosty book ("Hosty's Ludding"). I will not discuss this with anyone else nor review it for any of the assassination journals. To be honest, I've not read it completely but I have "skimmed" through it & the parts I've read are right "on target". I now have a much better understanding of what Hosty was all about thanks to you. (I have Hosty's book and I did read it but not until I received your ms was I in a better position to see Hosty's role).

I also recently received many photographs from Bill Mills & right after I write you I'll be writing him. He says I can use any of the photos for my proposed book.

As far as my book is concerned I'm compiling all the research materials and then will start in on the first chapter. I have no idea how many pages it'll be but I finally decided how to begin the first chapter.

As I see it the first chapter will be based on my visit to Dallas in 1993 on the occasion of the 30th assassination event. On Nov-22, 1993 right on Elm Street I discovered this fellow Brandt (+ his friend Teplin) who was there. Brandt was recalling what he saw & heard on 11/22/63. I was able to locate him in both the Ullrich photo & the Zapunder film.

(There are several ironies of that 11/22/93 day for there were 2 "researchers" who saw & ~~heard~~ heard me interview Brantt. One of these researchers doubted Brantt was even there & the other researcher found fault with me for arguing about the firing sequence & origin of the shots. Both "researchers" agree with the Warren Commission conclusion. The double irony is that while all three support the WC all of them were wrong in locating the origin or timing of the shots (the evidence of which I'll demonstrate in my book). Since I was there (in 1993) who else can argue the point better than myself. I think the fortunate experience of being right there on Elm Street arguing my thesis back in 1993 is all the more reason why I have to write about it.

A year later (in 1994) Brantt was on a panel (as a witness) & in response to a question as to what he saw & heard I only recalled what his last sentences were. He had agreed with me that the 1st shot did not miss & struck JFK but it wasn't until recently when I went over the video & audio portion of the Brantt 1994 appearance that I had literally missed a very significant part of this reply & this, too, will be in my book.

From my writing about what I saw & heard in 1993 & the 1994 follow-up I can then go into the various

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defense position of the Warren Report plus the detractors of the Report and why they all got it wrong. I think this can be part of the second chapter, if not the ending of the first. What do you think?

I received very recently a copy of "Oswald Talked" which I had ordered back in February but the book dealer never got the check so I had to re-order it.

You are right about how bad it is. It is awful! And why Bill Adams & Paul Hoek would lend both their names, reputation & even photos of themselves is beyond my comprehension.

You know life is ironic. Well back in time & way before even the "Oswald talk" book was even hinted about I had asked Bill Adams and Paul to appear as guests on my TV interview show (separately, of course). Bill's excuse for not appearing was that he "doesn't do TV" (suggesting avoiding publicity) & Paul's excuse was that he wasn't "telegenic"! This may seem amusing now seeing both of their photos in the book!

As I wrote the book dealer from whom I got the "Oswald talked" book, I totally disagreed with the theme (of Oswald "talking"). I also laughed at the book's claim that Hosty "recruited" Oswald after being let go by the CIA! Also the La Fontaine's absurd claim

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that Oswald was at various episodes in their book - (a) "a good Marxist to the end"; (b) an "FBI crimestopper" + (c) a "clueless Bobby Fischer trapped" by his own (Oswald's) circumstances. Not even Mailer would've gone this far! (or would he?).

The LaFontaine's rave about the Failure Analysis which Posner used to bolster the Posnerian fiction he created about the firing sequence. To show how far removed the LaFontaines are removed from reality, they cite the assassination event as occurring "at approximately 12-35 pm" when the overwhelming evidence showed it was either 12-29 or 12-30! If they are so eager to pinpoint the time when their key figure, Elrod, was allegedly in the same jail cell with Oswald how come they couldn't even get the most significant event of that day right??!

If I have time I may do a review of the book but I've promised several articles for a British publication, plus reading you ms of my own book may prevent me from doing this. But I feel almost a moral obligation to do so if the crony of it all is that your devastating expose of Hosty can't surface the way it should but the fiction of the Mailers, the Hostys + the LaFontaines do!

Well, I hope everything will be fine. I'll keep you posted.

Best, Hal