

Dear Hal,

12/12/91

Thanks for your long and interesting letter of the 9th. When I read it last evening after returning from John Hopkins (everything OK) I used a highlighter to call things to my attention when this morning I intended to respond while expecting a number of interruptions. Only I wasn't here much this morning. When I got home from my physical therapy Ed was waiting for us to join her sister, who wasn't well. I waited more than an hour for the doctor to complete his examination. He expects surgery today, for either appendix or a blocked bowel. Ed is with her. So I have less time.

I think I heard about Dr. Kartsonis from Wrono. He pretends detailed knowledge but either does not have it or does not let it interfere with his preconception in support of the official mythology. Like most of those people, he proceeds from a smattering of ignorance and ignores all else or doesn't know it.

Dave Perry has done good work on Rickey White. More than it is worth.

I'd known - it was not secret - that Brazier was called back for a second interview, I think that same night. Brazier saw the length of the package on the back seat and as Oswald walked away from him to the TSHD.

I heard the Bowers story before and believe it but I've not heard any reason for their decision to say nothing in public. I hope that Szerszen does write me.

If Waggoner Carr is still practicing law you can locate him through the Hartindale/Hibbell lawyers' directory.

I heard about it not from DiEugenio. You can anticipate what kind of book it will be if I've not heard from him with all I did and saw in N.O. and with Garrison. Richard Rye, without the "W" had a story I'm not taking time to locate relating to the effort to start and authoritarianism by a man with whom he worked. He also gave the FBI and affidavit I do not credit about the assassination. Last I heard from him he was in Denver.

Jim Boswell sounds interesting but I think the real question is not about Oswald's knowledge of the U-2 at Atsugi. There is no reason to believe that he knew any more about it than his job required and that was public and the USSR knew it. You are free, if you'd like, to tell him that Gen. Gavin said much the same thing to me. Also that I was in OSS but not overseas. I think that Top Secret is prerequisite for Crypt. Can he confirm this?

I do not recall hearing about HETO (the O could be operation?) before.

I remember Jim Dunbar. He never told me about his brother.

I see that Griffin had no interest in what crypto clearance was, KV#638.

Your ref to the Mexican ambassador is ambiguous. The ambassador at the time of the assassination was Mann and I doubt he'd have talked about offing the head of any state.

Thanks for the clippings. The Bethell piece is a condensation of a longer article in The National Review/ Mark North's book is trash. I gave up reading it. It is puff and conjecture and nothing else, not worth while at all.

Mark Seal, who took a lot of my time, did not ~~me~~ send me a copy of his Texas Monthly article as he promised. After reading it I see why. It is a deliberately dishonest piece that is dishonest to contrive defense and support of Stone. He does not state and in fact misrepresents the controversy he knows I started and why I did that. Instead he quotes without questioning them ^{that} he lies he got from Stone.

Don't get carried away with his line about who did it based on motive. If you give this some thought you'll see that those with motive are legion and if you give that further thought you'll see there is no way of deciding on any one to the exclusion of all others.

On the library Rusconi built: as of the time she phoned me from Dallas they did not even know what books I'd published and she ordered none. Their exclusive interest was in theories and when Stone spouts off about his "research" it was limited to theory and excluded fact.

Stone is pretending to be the victim of the establishment to promote his movie and for no other reason. There was no unified attack on him. What there was flowed from what I started and that is a story in its own right. He does this to hide the ugliness of his exploitation and commercialization as well as for promoting. He tried to make his be-^oscarred, millionaire self appear to be anti-establishment but none of his pretendedly radical things was radical by the time he did them.

Seal is even so openly dishonest he softens what Gardner exposed to protect Stone (166). He has "two Cubans" and I think one may have been an Indian ^{forcing} medicine down Ferrie's throat" whereas what Stone/Sklar had written and Garrison did not change is they they held Ferrie's head in his toilet by his hair. How ignorant can those experts be and how expert, even Garrison, not to know that Ferrie had alopecia totalis and not a hair on his body? And why would Seal manufacture this lie?

In his letter pretendedly responding to Anson, ^{he} says that Shaw was a "contact agent" of the CIA. He intends to suggest contract but does not dare say it and there was and is no such thing as a "contact" agent. Shaw and millions of others were "contacts" of the Domestic Contact Service of the CIA, normal in all spookeries, open interviews of those who travelled or had special knowledge, as of business, manufacturing and financial matters. If there ever was anything more I know of no proof of it.

Found Rye record and enclose a copy.

Excuse worse than usually bad typing. Fingertips cracked. Best,

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Dear Hal:

I had a chance to go over my notes and bring you further up to date with respect to my recent visit to Dallas plus some additional items on Oliver Stone which you wanted me to send you if I came across them.

The enclosures I've included deal with the Dallas Symposium, Oliver Stone's movie plus some interesting book reviews (Mark North's book on J. Edgar Hoover and a review of a new book on Meyer Lansky). I think the "Texas Monthly" Dec. 1991 story is an important one. You may not have seen it so I'm sending it to you. Notice that one of the enclosures I sent is a piece by Tom Bethell on the Stone film.

I know I had promised you a listing of all of Oswald's Marine Corps associates I've managed to list but I can't be able to include it in this letter (it would take too long to put it into a form where it can be easily referred to. I also want to have it put into alphabetical order so it can be readily referred to. I will be working on completing it sometime this coming week (I have a note on my disk to complete it + send it off to you so it is a task that I will get done!).

Speaking about lists I just received a "Master Research Directory" dated November, 1991. It is put out by Gordon Winslow out of Miami. My name and Paul Hoch's name are in it. It contains 213 names and one surprising

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name on the list is: Gerald Patrick Hemming!
apparently Hemming is a "buff" who is interested not only in the JFK assassination but also the Martin Luther King assassination. This I gathered by the names listed that he says he's seeking information on. I recognize some of these but others are unfamiliar. Here is what he shows interest in -

- JOHN PAISLEY
- PAUL HELIWELL
- COL. JACK HAWKINS
- RON KAREVGA
- BOB PASH
- BERNARDO GONZALES DE TORRES
- COL. ABBES GARCIA
- ROBERT L. JOHNSON
- MITCHELL WERRELL
- ROLANDO MAFFERRER
- ANGLETON (OF CIA)
- COL. ARTURO ESPILLAT
- VICTOR ESPINOZA
- JAKE ESTERLINE
- WILLIAM PAWLEY
- JACK RYKER
- OTTO SKORZENY
- EDWIN WILSON

These names probably may mean more to you but I don't know much on any of the above, except, of course, for the better known names as Mafferrer, Pawley + Wilson. Perhaps you can contact him if need be. Hemming's address is listed as:

537 N.E. 133rd ST. - NORTH MIAMI, FL. 33161 (phone # 305-899-1153)
(Hemming says that calls should be placed "night/sunrise").

There is another name included in the "Directory" if he is somebody I had a long conversation with when I was at the Symposium. I was very impressed with his knowledge of the JFK autopsy. He definitely knew what he was talking about (he didn't think much of the "Lifton" alteration of the body scenario). Anyway, his name is DR. LOUIS KARTSONIS.

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His complete address is: 4717 Mission Blvd.,
Suite #5, San Diego, Ca. 92109 (phone #619-581-3838,
M-F-8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.).

Kartsonis is an ophthalmologist and he told me an interesting story about his efforts to look at the JFK autopsy photos. Kartsonis said he had written to the Kennedy family to get permission to see the autopsy material. Burke Marshall wrote him back (around 1979 I believe) and told Kartsonis he failed to meet any of the three basic requirements for looking at the material. Kartsonis persisted & wrote again & said his persistence paid off. This time Marshall allowed Kartsonis the opportunity to see the photos (I'm not sure if Kartsonis mentioned anything else). One thing I recall Kartsonis telling me that one of the photos clearly showed a hole in the back of the head. Of course, I wasn't in a position to have him expand on what he did see but I think you should write him and learn what he found. I'm sure he has notes on this which he must've kept.

Another name in the "Directory" I received is Dave Perry. I'm sure you know him because the latest issue of the "Third Decade" has an article by him on the Roscoe White and he thoroughly demolishes that piece. In fact when I spoke to Perry whom I met outside of Larry Howard's office he told me details about the Roscoe White which were not included in his article that by themselves would've flattened the White story. It's a good thing the Symposium didn't include the White thing in any of its panels!

There was something that Perry told me about Buell Wesley Frasier & I think it's important you should

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know and that is this: Apparently Perry & Frazier have gotten to be very good friends (Perry told me they often go to ball games together). I knew, of course, that Frazier owned a British 303 rifle and that Frazier, of course, was interrogated soon after the assassination.

But what I didn't know as Perry explained to me was that Frazier was called back for further questioning. The second interrogation was more intense and Frazier kept saying to Frazier something like: "C'mon boy - tell us what you know. Tell the truth, boy!" Frazier, according to Perry, got real scared at that point and thought he was being singled out as the assassin.

It's Perry's belief that Frazier who was only 19 at the time (1963) was under tremendous pressure & the story about Oswald bringing in a long bag was really a "white tie" made up (to protect Frazier). Perry told me that it was Frazier's sister who pointed out the bag to her brother & that he (Frazier) actually didn't see the bag Oswald allegedly had with him. The bag was in the back of the car as Perry pointed out. Perry said, nevertheless, that Frazier held firm as to the size of the bag.

I guess you'd have to write to Perry & ask him for precise details on this.

I have already given you Stan Szerszen's address & phone # (in my last letter). One thing I forgot to tell you about him is that he got to speak with Kennedy aide, Dave Powers. Powers told Szerszen that he knew that shots came from different directions when he was in the motorcade & everyone who was with him also knew it.

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But, said Powers, if the contents of this particular conversation were made public he told Szerszen that he would totally deny it!

By the way I've written Szerszen & asked him to write you about his analysis of the Tom Wilson photo "evidence". I hope he will do so.

An interesting thing I forgot to mention in my last letter (I looked over my notes) is that when I was getting off the elevator at the Dallas hotel (Regency Hyatt) & going to my room there was a gentleman getting off the same floor as I was and he had a name tag showing the last name "Carr". I jokingly said to him, "You're not related to a Mr. Waggoner Carr" and to my great surprise he said, "Why, yes - he's my brother." I then asked him why he was attending & he told me he had a great interest in the whole JFK business. He said he believed that Oswald did do the shooting but that he believed there was a conspiracy, nevertheless.

I then asked him if his brother knew he was at the Symposium & he said, yes, he did know. I then asked him if his brother still kept up with all the news since the assassination & he told me, that, yes, he does. He said his brother had some personal "mementos" he was keeping but that there were other items he was releasing. I didn't have time to get Waggoner Carr's address but it probably wouldn't be too difficult to locate him. I think it would be a good idea to write him.

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I got a call last week from a writer who is doing a book on Garrison due out in January (the writer's name is Tom DiEugenio). He wanted more information on the "Urge" episode which took place back in 1967-1968. DiEugenio overheard me at the Symposium discussing that alleged plot to get Garrison. DiEugenio said he found it so interesting he wanted to include it in his book. I also suggested that he call Tom Sanders & Tom said he did call and Tom told all about what he did.

By the way in my interview with DiEugenio I said I believed that Urge's name appeared in one of the Warren Commission's volumes but I may have mistaken it for a Commission Document from the Archives. As I recall it was either you or Tom Christian who told me about this. Can you recall what it was that I saw? (as I remember it was some document & the document referred to a spy scandal in which Urge figured in where he was involved selling atomic missile secrets). Mammy tells me that the document referred to a NY Times story on the scandal & that it occurred in 1959. I cannot locate my notes on this. Can you refresh my memory on this?

Before I close this long letter I wanted to tell you about my meeting this retired Army General who knew Kennedy & worked on the U-2 project. I made notes of a conversation I had with him & here is the essence of what we discussed =

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I was at a party in San Mateo back on December 10, 1990 & met a retired Army General whose name is Tom Boswell (I asked him if he were related to J. Thornton Boswell and he said, no, not as far as he knew. He didn't know that J-T. Boswell was involved in the autopsy of JFK - this was news to him, the first time he'd heard of this. I told him of the coincidence in names but, of course, Boswell is not an uncommon name).

Boswell told me he retired (around 1962, I believe). He knew President Kennedy & McNamara personally. Boswell also had met other world leaders & recalled telling of his meeting with Molotov (Boswell had once lived in Russia).

Boswell told me about a conversation he had with Kennedy about being involved in Indo-China (he didn't tell me the date or year he spoke with him). Kennedy had asked Boswell what he thought about our involvement in that region of the world. The General didn't hesitate. He told Kennedy he was opposed to it. I've had a more recent discussion with him & he is a crusty type - a general right out of the old mold of military men. He doesn't hesitate to say exactly what he thinks & feels about an issue. He was ex-
tremely intrigued about what I knew about the assassination. (We achieved a real good rapport & I do like the guy).

Kennedy had asked Boswell what his advice would be - what General he thought would be a good choice for that part of the world (Indo-China).

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Without hesitation, Boswell replied = "General Giapp, sir!" (If you recall it was Giapp who roundly trounced the French in 1954 at Dien ~~Bi~~ Bien Phu). But the General said we don't have any such figure on hand & his advice was we shouldn't be there.

Kennedy said, "I see what you mean!" Kennedy added, "I appreciate your views" and then Kennedy expanded on this (& this I think is very important & I've underlined it because it reflects a good deal of what Kennedy knew and was facing from his military advisors at the time):

"General - if you ever need to tell me something (about intelligence) - don't you hesitate, get to me & don't worry about going through channels - you know I don't always get the intelligence I should!" Boswell assured him that he would do

so. Boswell told me that he had been with the OSS, & then went on into the early CIA (as CIG) right after Donovan. Boswell told me that he had worked on the U-2 project. He said he was in the CIA section but not with the "dirty tricks" division.

I asked him if he had heard about the rumor that the CIA had deliberately had Powers U-2 plane shot down over Russia in 1960 to derail the Summit conference but he said he knew nothing about that rumor being true.

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Boswell told me he spoke 5 languages - he can speak Russian. One other little item he told me, I asked him if he knew Godfrey McHugh & he said, yes, he did. He knew him because they both went to military school together (I believe it was West Point). He said that McHugh was quite a "ladies man" then & drove around in a convertible which had a certain nickname (referring to chasing women). Apparently McHugh and Boswell must've gone out on dates together. Boswell knew nothing about McHugh being Kennedy's personal aide to him & that he was with the casket when it was being moved from Dallas to its eventual destination of Bethesda. I guess I was the first person to tell him about this.

Boswell said he knew nothing about Oswald's access to the U-2 at Atsugi. (I don't recall if Boswell told me he had been at Atsugi. If he did I can find no reference to it in my notes).

By the way I'll be seeing the General (and his wife) again on Thursday, December 19th. His wife & he have invited me (and other friends) to attend a party which I'm looking forward to. Talking with him again.

If you have any specific questions you'd like to have me address to him I can certainly question him. He is very open with

me. One question I'll ask him is about "crypto-secret" clearance & what the "black box" stuff is all about. You may have some other questions you want to ask him.

I do recall one question I did ask him & that was if he knew anything about an alleged "super-secret" operation known as "METO" which was run out of Atsugi. So far everyone I've asked knows nothing about it. Boswell said he hadn't heard of it.

operation My guess is that "METO" might stand for something like "Marine Electronic Training (or tactical) Organization (or Outfit)". This is a pure guess on my part. But I'm sure the "E" in "METO" stands for "Electronic". I know that other planes besides the B-2 were flown out of Atsugi and maybe "METO" had something to do with this.

There is something I found in my old notebook dating back to the late 1960's & there is this entry:

"JIM DUNBAR (of KGO radio) told me on Nov. 13, 1967 that he had a brother who was flying secret missions over Vladivostok & his brother told him that at one point in his secret flight he observed a plane 40,000 feet higher than he was moving at a faster speed."

Perhaps this is what "METO" was all about?!

A few final notes before I do close this letter:

As I was going through my old notes I found a notation that Volume 15 - P. 638 has a reference to "cripto" clearance. This is on the testimony of Lawrence Meyers. You may be familiar with this. If not you can check the Volume for his testimony regarding it. Meyers had a daughter who worked at Argonne on various nuclear projects. But it was Meyers' son who had the "cripto" clearance. His son was with ASA (Army Security Agency). His son was stationed "someplace outside of Turkey."

Another thing I found, again, in one of my old notebooks and this may refer to Urge. Page 585 of Volume XVIII refers to a man who said he would go to the Russian Embassy + sell his "design for a guided missile". The report was dated February 8, 1962. Perhaps you may have some info on this & does it relate to Urge?

Finally I have one little story to tell which may be another of those "far out" stories we all come across but I'll relate it to you for what it's worth.

I met someone who told me (in 1990) that the ex-husband of Madalyn Murray (alt. leader) was once called to the Mexican Ambassador's office (in Mexico City) most probably before the JFK murder. The Ambassador wanted this individual to do a "hit" on "a head of state". While the name of the "head of state" was not mentioned, it was the belief of this individual father's son that the "head of state" was JFK himself.

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I don't recall who the Ambassador was at this time but if memory serves me wasn't William Pawley the Ambassador then? Pawley, of course, is dead. It was Pawley, according to Summees, ~~the~~ who got Luce to finance anti-Castro guerilla operations. Pawley had worked with Mafia figure John Martino who was a close friend of Trafficante.

Well, anyway that will give you some idea of the things I've been intending to write you about. Hope this will be of use to you.

Best,
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