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Dear Harold =

I returned from Dallas last Sunday (Nov. 23rd) & have been busy just going over the notes I took and answering requests.

This letter will be necessarily short because I wanted to send you an account and analysis which Paul Haller had mentioned to me when we met at Dallas.

I will be writing you a much longer letter in the near future which will cover what went on at the Lancer Conference & also the COPA conference. I visited both. My next letter will also deal with the new books and my evaluations of them (and why I think they're all going off the deep end). Plus I'll also send you a zerox of something Aguilar gave me which he said was printed in the Marin Independent newspaper (although not in full). Aguilar's pitch is to say that the rear back of the head was fully blown out and he comes very close to saying the autopsy photos and X-rays are faked (Just as an example he says they were "tampered with").

Since returning from my trip to Dallas I've spoken with both Aguilar and Paul Hoch. Paul told me he attended a S.F. talk held by Aguilar and Bill Turner on Saturday evening Nov. 22, 1997. Paul said only 20 people showed up despite the fact that it was advertised better than in past talks. (The reason I knew Paul was there is because Aguilar saw him there). Paul said Aguilar gave his usual slide show (which, if you've never seen it, mostly deals with the many doctors and nurses who say the back of the head was fully blown out. Aguilar then juxtaposes these statements with the autopsy photos & X-ray calling into question their authenticity. But Aguilar will never state the photos & X-rays are forgeries. Perhaps it is both your position and my expressions of warning on this that have prevented him from making the outright claim of forgery. Whatever it is it places Gary in a difficult spot and he knows it).

Judging from Paul's manner on the phone it was apparent to me that he doesn't take Gary's slide showing as proof positive. (When I spoke to Gary he expressed some reservation about having Paul attend a future meeting of people doing research at Gary's new home so Gary is suspicious of Paul's presence in the case. Paul may feel the same way about Gary).

By the way Paul Hoch sends his regards to you since I told him I'd be writing you.

I had dinner with Mary Ferrell (together with Paul Haller). She's a remarkable woman! Imagine she had 9 operations in 4 months with two of them being open heart surgery! Amazing!! By the way she also told me to give ~~me~~ her regards to you & I said I would. I got to know Paul Haller a lot better while in Dallas. He's a very sharp observer & lets nothing get by him. He also has a tremendous sense of humor. It is no wonder we get along fine.

Now to get to the main reason I'm writing which has to do with the enclosed 8-page summary & analysis of a video I saw on Robert Vincent. I'd appreciate whatever comments you may wish to make on it. It was Paul Haller who asked me to send a copy to you so I'm enclosing it.

Debra Conway wanted me to do an article on it last year but I didn't. Now I will send Lancer my 8-page thesis. At the time I heard the video I really couldn't draw any conclusion but the one year gestation period made me rethink what I'd seen. As you'll see from my analysis I believe the events in Vincent's life on or about Nov. 22, 1963 most likely refer to President Johnson's reaction to the assassination. He was setting up a state of alert (militarily) in the U.S. & Vincent's account strongly suggests this. As I pointed out the evidence that Johnson believed there was a conspiracy but tried to pin it on either the Cubans or Russians. In reality (in my opinion) Johnson ~~was~~ knew better & believed it was a domestic conspiracy. Thus Mr. Vincent's events are the result of Johnson's belief in conspiracy and acting on it (and all this can be made to fit within the requirements of government).

I've sent a copy of my 8-page analysis, etc. to Mary Fernell and, of course, now you have a copy. I may send copies to David W. Stone and possibly Ray Marcus for their opinions.

If you wish to follow-up further on this here is the name of the attorney I believe he told me back in 1994 he had once written to you but even if he didn't he was well aware of your work):

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I hope this can lead to something.

Best,  
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