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Dear Hal:

I'm finally getting ~~me~~ around to writing you & to send you the stuff enclosed which you can read as you get the time.

You'll note my long 17 page article, "FETZER'S FOLLIES CONTINUED: A REPLY" which is something I just finished typing. Your copy is yours to keep but please don't let anyone else get a copy since I'm mailing my article to Jerry Rose of the "FOURTH DECADE" in the hope he'll publish it in toto. I think he has the obligation to publish it in full since Fetzer openly attacked me in the May, 1998 issue of the "Fourth Decade". I've included a copy of Fetzer's attack on me so you can read it & see how I handle him in my reply. Incidentally, Fetzer's attack on me is the exact same thing he put on the Internet on April 2nd (of which I sent you a copy in my last letter).

Note also in my enclosures the Jerry Rose

article which mentions my old friend, Bob Kaffke, (the article is titled "The Casa de Los Amigos") and Rose has it all wrong about Kaffke & his role in the FPEC I ought to know since not only was Kaffke in the Bay Area FPEC together with me but we became good friends & worked on different projects. I wish Rose had contacted me first when he was doing this article as I could've saved him a lot of wrong speculation. But you know Rose by now.

I've told friends that if Rose doesn't publish my 17-page article I'll get it done in a British publication which has promised me space to do so. I'll just have to wait and see. I'm also sending my 17-page thing to David Wrone, Ray Marcus and several researchers who are on my side in this controversy.

It was good to speak with you & David Wrone and I hope I provided you with enough details about the May 23rd meeting at Aguilar's which had myself, Paul Hoch, Dr. Mantik & Josiah Thompson there. The most puzzling thing of all was Paul's admitting that he now believed in no conspiracy. As I told you on the phone when I pressed him on why he told not only me but all present that he didn't have to explain his reasons & to leave it at that. Perhaps it is not a puzzle after all if you really get to look more into Paul's entire approach to this subject.

And when I asked Paul to come up with another scenario other than the Specter "single bullet" idea he refused to do so & was quite irritated for being asked. I also mentioned the Jeremy Gunn talk he gave at Stanford. As I indicated on the phone I believe he is

much more accessible & easier to work with than David Maxwell whom he replaced. This may not mean very much as the whole structure of the ARRB works against anything positive coming out of Gunn.

I mentioned that I have a friend who is on the staff of the ARRB & he is handling all medical queries. If I didn't mention it this friend is not a doctor and I have no idea of what's going on in the ARRB meetings. I did mention to you that the ARRB took sworn statements of those involved in the medical area but no one knows what questions were asked & what answers were given. But, at least, we'll have a record to draw upon whatever was said. I also mentioned on the phone that Gunn offered what he termed as a "teaser" in the form of testimony from a woman who took film (presumably at the autopsy) but Gunn gave no details nor would he say who she was. Oh that we'll all have to wait & see.

The British magazine on the JFK case told me that my article heavily criticizing the ARRB will be in their July issue & when I get it I'll forward you a copy. With all the lavish praise by so-called "researchers" I'm very much alone in lack of support.

Well, I'll close now. Let me know your thoughts on my 17 page reply to Fetzer. How he'll reply to me this time I don't know. My first attack on him was done with "kid gloves" but not this time!! And he deserves everything I threw at him & more.

Best,
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