

Tuesday, 7

Hi

Today on WFLN on "Views & Reviews" 12:30 Roger Collier (I believe is his name) interviewed Alan Halpern, editor of "Greater Philadelphia Magazine" in reference to their article on the Warren Commission Report. The reporter from the magazine had an in depth interview with Larkin Specter. Since I was involved with the children during part of this time, I cannot swear for all I heard & I did miss a few minutes of it, but I can give you a review in case you're interested & I will try to get a copy of the magazine & send it to you. Collier has a very educated, modulated voice & his guest followed his example although his voice was "more human". I mention this only because I think this type of thing drives me & I find myself stepping away from it normally. However, because of my interest <sup>for you</sup> I stayed on. I believe it was stated that the reporter lived with Specter for a specified number of days & gained an insight into him. Mention was made also of a Philadelphia lawyer who was the first to raise doubts of the commission report, but no name was mentioned. Later references were made a few times to Vincent Salandrea's article. Mention was made a few times also to August, Epstein's book, ~~and other~~ other books, an article from an English journal, other articles. Halpern spoke of the commission report much as you have - its contradictions, the pre-assassin theory being almost impossible, the bullets - the impossibility of the one bullet doing all that damage, coming out as though it had gone through jelly, etc - the autopsy, ~~affray~~ some film being unavailable, view to commission members, the mystery surrounding this, the nature of the commission, etc. He

stated that in the beginning he had no doubts of the commission report & more or less felt that it was the naive "fanatical" element who doubted it. However, as more & more came out against the report & as he thought about it & investigated, he realized how really contradictory it is. I believe he stated & Collier repeated that Spector stated they had the facts & had to make them fit the theory. He seemed to feel that Spector honestly ~~had~~ believed the report (although I had the impression he couldn't imagine how). He felt it was very strange that the Kennedy family has remained silent for so long, that Ted Kennedy admitted not reading the report, but believing it. He felt that if some influential high person pushed it, enough people write to their congressmen it would be reinvestigated. He referred to the pressure under which the commission worked because of Johnson's desire to have it completed because of the elections. I believe he spoke of Spector's inability to get Warren to spend time on it. He theorized that the missing film copy report, & report may have been withheld by Warren out of respect for the K. family & that they may have even been given to the family. Mention was made of Jacobi's assassination & how in recent years clues have turned up to indicate they may have been cabinet members involved in this, but the material is too cold now to do much. He felt that the Kennedy material is cold too, but not too late to do a reinvestigation.

Saturday man came home from work early enough for me to get to the dentist. He cut man from my germ & I was also able to pick up my glasses. By the way, I waited up until after 3:30 in case you had decided to come back.

Since we were finished early enough I called Wilma to say we would be coming down. Sam told me about Eddie Carlson needing books. I called Dave & he told me Delmar News Agency was the distributor for paperback in Wilma. He also told me he had the copies you left here for United News. He was to take what he needed & give the rest to United. If I wanted I could pick some up & take to Eddie. Since I didn't know if you had made any specific commitment to United, I hesitated to take any. I suggested to Sam that Eddie send some Delmar & write to you. I figured if the dealer called the distributor, it would accuse the distributor. We would have been glad to pick up any copies to take to Wilma, but didn't want to interfere.

Since I spoke to Alma the same day she spoke to you, I have nothing more to say re: Mom.

Everything okay - I realize it isn't really. But what I have in mind is this - the last time you were up you seemed tired, but brought. It was obvious you were keyed up, etc. This time you seemed yourself when you arrived but by the time you left your tiredness looked different - like you were very preoccupied with a serious problem, or just dragged out & something.

The program came over quite well & I had no trouble staying awake. Max stayed up until the program was over. Judy called me as soon as the program started to see if it was really you. She had heard the program of few weeks ago & couldn't decide whether it was you or not. Norma said it was. She listened to the taping all the time. Rose & Dick said sometime you

are up this way & need a place to stay over, not to hesitate to call.  
They all have extra bedrooms. They live in the area not far from  
Fred & Joe.

Other than a few other things I had wanted to tell  
you, I can't take time now.  
Hope you are both feeling better.

Love,  
Mama

P.S. Saturday morning the kids walked around on tiptoes  
& whispered. I have never heard them so quiet. They  
thought you were here. They were disappointed that  
you weren't.