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Dear Jack,

Although a number of things - continuing research that is quite fruitful, the decision to do a book on Manchester, appearances and others - have delayed WHITEWASH III, which has grown to about 50% more than its projected size, I have decided that from time to time I will release an occasional document on what seem to be appropriate occasions.

Enclosed is one I shall release tomorrow night in a speech to a PTA group in Frederick, Md., the closest town of any size to us. It is a sad but unfortunately accurate reflection of the character of the investigation of President Kennedy that a piece of scalp was found at the scene more than a day later, and not by any Federal, State or city investigator.

There is much of this sort of thing that should not have been denied the people but was. Next week I will release an FBI report that gives the exact size of the fragment of bullet X-rayed in Governor Connally's leg. From this it should be a simple matter to compute its weight. I suggest the reason this was not done is because the amount of metal observed in the governor's wrist alone more than disqualified the fraudulent single-bullet theory, even without the fragment in the chest apparently hidden from the members of the Commission. The slight weight of this 3.5mm fragment would be a camels-back straw.

Your coming candidate for mayor, so reluctant to debate his record as assistant counsel for the Commission before his electorate and with me, was not reluctant to fly to England to debate with Mark Lane. Strangely enough, this trip just coincided with an invitation he had avoided making definitive answer to, for a confrontation with me in a New York TV studio. At the time he decided on England, where his won constituency would not hear and see him, I had not yet been scrubbed from that program.

It is a dubious compliment to me and none at all to him. If he knew what I now have for WHITEWASH III he would be more reluctant. I'll tell you someday, and I'll see to it, if you want it, that you get the "break" on it. Knowing the material as you do, you should be able to guess. It is that good, or bad, however you look at it. I think very bad, but journalistically good.

The enclosed FBI report is from the Commission's fifth file (but do not advertise it for I do not want others to scavenge behind me), from a consolidation report collected by FBI Agent Robert Gamberling (right) in Dallas. It is entirely untouched except for the number 5 I had written below the document itself for my own purposes and which I have crossed out.

Best,

Harold Weisberg