

Route 12 - Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Md. 21701

August 29, 1977

Mrs. Dorothy Mangum
c/o Justice of the Peace Court
Precinct 7, Place 1
410 S. Beckley
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mrs. Mangum:

Our mutual friend, Lonnie Hudkins, who has been working near here for some years, suggests that I write you for the reasons that follow.

If you would care to check me out with Lonnie and have not heard from him or Mary for a while, he can be reached at the Baltimore News-American, Baltimore, Md. While I have not asked his permission, I think Henry Wade would give me a good name.

I am not one of those seeking to make a good thing out of the Kennedy assassination. Rather am I hopeful of bringing to light as much as possible and then making it available.

It has not been possible for me to get to Dallas as often as I'd like or to stay long enough when I am there. Buddy was killed the day before I had planned to look him up. I was on my way in from the airport when it happened.

One of the means by which I obtain suppressed evidence is use of the Freedom of Information Act. If the federal government then does not provide the information, when I can I go to court. I have a case in court now for the results of certain nonsecret scientific tests related to the shooting in the JFK assassination. These results have never been released. It is my belief that the reason is their failure to support the official account of the crime.

One of the items of evidence tested was the curbstone struck by a bullet or fragment of bullet. At the time of the crime, Buddy spoke to Jim Tague, who was slightly wounded. (He lives at 14324 Shoredale if you would care to ask his opinion of me.) The next day Buddy and I believe Allen Sweatt went to that point when pictures were being taken. I have pictures of Buddy's hand holding a pen and using it to point to that spot.

The test performed on that curbstone after it was dug up and taken to Washington is known as spectrographic analysis. The FBI gave no report on this to the Warren Commission and now in court claims not to have any report.

I hope that Buddy had some notes or other records that could be useful in this litigation. This is why I write.

I know he also examined a place on Elm Street where it was believed a bullet hit. He was active in other parts of the investigation. Any records or pictures in any way relating to the crime could be of great value to me and would be much appreciated. In the end they would wind up in a university archive, available to all the American people.

Likewise, if there is any information you have, it could be helpful.

Thank you very much for anything you can do. If making copies is a problem, I am sure Jim Tague would see to it that you have no problems or costs. He can be reached during the day at Steakley's Chevrolet.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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July 29, 1977

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I have not been able to be of much help since nobody seems to know what happened to the Sheriff's file on this matter. At one time, I had portions of it and I believe you went through my files. I presume you did not find what you wanted. I can tell you that Buddy Walthers' widow has remarried and is now Dorothy Mangum and can be reached at the Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 7, Place 1, 410 South Beckley, Dallas.

Allen Sweatt's son, Allen Leroy Sweatt is in the United States Navy and is presently stationed at the San Diego, California Naval base. Allen's widow, Jan Sweatt, resides in Dallas at 5611 Enchanted Lane and her telephone number is 381-6668. Officer Leonard L. Hill is still employed by the Dallas Police Department. Officer Hill was one of the first officers on the scene of the assassination and was asked by the dispatcher what the situation was. He stated that it had been reported to him that the President had been shot along with other participants in the parade and that there was a possibility that one of the by-standers may have been hit from a ricochet. Officer Hill made no written report nor was he interviewed by anyone from the Warren Commission.

This is not much help, but it is all that my investigator was able to find out in answer to your request. Good luck to you.

Your friend,
Henry Wade

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