

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

*Buddy Walker  
window ?*

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