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Dear George,

The story is fair and accurate. I'm glad you did not include some of the nonsense you spouted. If you had you'd not live long enough not to be ~~embarr~~ embarrassed by it.

The person who let you handle the JFK shirt had to be official and was in knowing violation of the contract the government itself drafted. For violating the contract there had to be a reason. It was to sucker you.

Aside from much else I do not take time for it was the FBI expert testimony that you can't tell from looking at that shirt which direction any bullet came from.

Even that it is a bullet hole.

As it was not and could not have been.

It is important to learn to distinguish the official evidence from the official interpretation of it,

I look forward to any copies of what was disclosed you can send me.

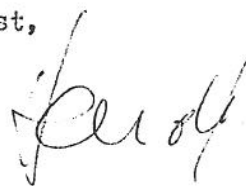
That Rankin kept from the Commission's records only copied he had no business taking is also an interesting development.

How many reasons for it can there be?

Keep your record clean, George. Do not repeat any of the official assassination mythology as being your belief. None of it stacks from the official evidence itself.

ARRB is off on a campaign to make it appear it is doing its job when it is not and cannot.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. P. ...", written in dark ink.