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Dear Cyril,

Your question, what do I think can be done as a practical matter now, I'll begin with a simplified recap because I think this will make for an obvious answer.

The official solution to the JFK assassination requires, among other things, that a bullet have exited the front of his neck through the neckband of the shirt. For the moment forget the rest of the history attributed to it.

The President's tie was knotted neatly and was in place at the time he was shot. But there is no hole through the tie and the slight damage to the knot could not possibly have been caused by a bullet and was nowhere near where it had to be to make the official story tenable.

The damage to the neckband is not bullet holes but it two slits that do not coincide with each other in any way and neither coincides with the kick to the knot of the tie, which was at its upper <sup>left</sup> extreme as worn whereas the slits are close to the midpoint of the collarband and considerably below the position of the ~~kick~~ to the knot. This and much more was immediately obvious to all those involved with this evidence, meaning at the least the FBI and on the Commission, at the least Arlen Specter. But instead of making a proper investigation and risking the end of the official solution while it was being made up this irrefutable evidence was buried and ignored.

Later, when the Commission questioned Dr. Charles Carrico, the only physician to see JFK before he and his clothing were touched, the questioning by <sup>Specter</sup> ~~Specter~~ never once asked any questions about the evidence I summarize above. However, despite Specter's suppression of it, Commissioner Dulles asked Carrico where the bullet hole in the front of the President's ~~neck~~ neck was and Carrico said above the shirt collar. So, in addition, at least Specter and the Commission and all who read the transcript on the Commission, knew that no bullet had gone through the shirt collarband and tie knot and thus knew that the official story was a hoax before it was released. And, what Carrico said is confirmed beyond question by this suppressed picture of the shirt collar, the FBI's, which it did not give the Commission but I did get under FOIA. Or, you have confirmed proof that is beyond refutation that when the official story was phoned up all those involved had to know that they were concocting a phony explanation of the most subversive crime possible, and were deliberately deceiving the nation. And exculpating the actual criminals not identified, sought or tried.

Because there is no possible refutation and because the phonying up was deliberate, the least that one might expect from some part of government is admission that the crime is not solved. Because this is truly shocking evidence, if properly handled in public with the media present it has a good possibility of getting attention and that attention can in itself be significant, at the least in informing the uninformed. And in justifying the doubts of the critics, much abused critics.

If you have not located the print I sent you, Jim is to have sent you one. I got back from him the large negative if you want it and I'm getting a slide for you.

What else might flow from this may be conjectured. I conjecture nothing not good and can conjecture a variety of goods not the least of which might be a public recognition of the frailties and failures of governments that by extension includes the present administration and other governments abroad. People ought learn that no government is perfect and that all can fail and are not entitled to blank-check support. But I think that in terms of what cleansing is possible, there can be some from admission

that we were lied to and popular recognition of the fact that we were lied to by the government we'd trusted.

In terms of an investigation, the FBI can't investigate itself, the commission does not exist and absent something criminal, what I do not now see in the "new" evidence, not having the eyes of a lawyer, no basis for any special prosecutor, so I do not see any new investigation. If there were to be one, despite the deplorable record of the House assassins, the best shot, under different conditions, would be Congressional. I do not see this, I'm conjecturing.

I do think also that even if there is no immediate good from it there is a worthwhile if not important public service to be performed in getting as much attention as possible for a simple and comprehensible combination of proofs that do tell the people that their President was killed other than <sup>as in</sup> the official account and that the official account was not honest and truthful. And I think that what you have in mind is an appropriate forum, in part because it combines forensic medical and political science interests, and in part because it might get responsible attention there, including TV, which might be used elsewhere.


Re Bud, I'd assume that you were associated with his group and had heard that they are having some kind of meeting toward the end of the month. Whether or not you are in DC then, in driving between Pittsburgh and DC it is almost certain that you'd be on I70 when near here. By air measurement that is less than two miles from here and as mountain roads go, I'd say less than 3 miles. I'm talking about the points of access, not the relationship of the roads. In going back to P. I'm sure it is no more than 2 miles from out home onto I70.

If you want me to send you the pages from Carrico's testimony and that of at least one of the two nurses, let me know. Also if you do not have the print I sent a long time ago so I can keep after forgetful Jim to send you one. When I get the slide I'll send that. It is being made.

Richard Chernikoff is interested, thanks, and doing some research. He sees what I thought I saw, clear evidence of negligence in having one with my history without anticoagulation for eight days prior to surgery and is inclined to agree with me that after surgery I should not have been without anticoagulation. He says he sees this as a "paper case."

Back to JFK again, I think that for representative society to work the people must be accurately informed and that this includes criticism of government when that is justified. I think that those of us who can inform have the obligation to do that and that whether or not we were lied to about the most subversive of crimes, whether those who later achieved fame and position from their exploitation, like Specter and Ford met their obligations to the rest of us honestly, even whether assassins may yet be alive, which is quite different than identifying them, represent the kind of information the people ought have available.

Sincerely,

  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for the additional information set forth in your letter of March 30th. I certainly can visualize and understand the points you are making about the "slits" in the President's shirt.

At a practical level, exactly what do you believe can be done regarding this particular item now? I certainly shall keep it in mind and incorporate it into my discussions dealing with the physical evidence in the JFK assassination. However, I do not know what else I or any other individual can do about this additional bit of deception and chicanery on the part of the Warren Commission, Specter, the FBI, et al.

I have no information about Bud's affair in Washington, D.C. When, where, and what is happening? Perhaps it might be an opportunity for me to visit Washington, D.C., if I do not have another commitment.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
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