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Dear Cyril,

Thanks for your 4/24.

Enclosed ^{is} the slide of the JFK shirt collar I said I'd lend you. No hurry in returning it. I've not looked at it because I gave my projector away when it was apparent I didn't need it any more.

I'm sure that it will be apparent to you that it is not possible that the slits were caused by a bullet and that they do not coincide in any way. Remember, the shirt collar was buttoned.

Remember also, this is not from any Commission photo. It is from one I got under FOIA from "Belindienst. He sent me an FBI original, not a copy of one.

Going along with this you should have as good a photo of the tie as you can get. You can see the point I made in you compare the location of these slits with the lousy picture the FBI deliberately made lousy that it gave the Commission. The nick, which is the evidence of the tie, is at the upper left extreme of the knot. So, even if the slits had been caused by a bullet that alleged bullet a) had to have made ~~XX~~ hole right through the middle of the knot, and there is no hole anywhere in the tie; and b) could not possibly have caused the nick to the knot.

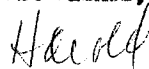
I've not heard anything further from Jim. I asked him to search for the prints and he's probably been too busy. However, I can lend you my negative, made with a Speed Graphic, if you want prints.

I'm not familiar with what HSCA published. I have it but have not read it. I took all the hearings in, by radio when not on TV, so I do not know whether it had a better picture of the tie knot than the Commission did. The Commission's, from the FBI, is so poor I recommend against making a negative and then a print from it. And it would cost less, if you cannot borrow one, to buy it from the Archives. Jim doesn't remember whether I made copies and used them in the spectro case. He said he'd check.

Can you now understand why Blakey et al were so dead set against any independent checking? They knew about this, from me.

They lied to Judge Gesell when I sued for clear pictures so all he ordered them to do was to take clear pictures and let me examine them. They wrote me, as I told you, that the knot was unknotted but they did take pictures that are clear, I did examine them, and you can. If you use this, I think you should because you'll not recognize the tie from the Commission's, meaning the FBI's, print. You'll see ~~there~~ there is no hole in the tie. And you may recall, as Baden admitted when I asked him, that when the tie and the rest was shown to your HSCA panel, magically, years later, the knot had been reconstructed.

Best wishes,



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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

I was pleased to learn from your letter of April 21st, that Attorney Chernikoff is continuing to inquire into your case. I hope that he will conclude there is sufficient basis to proceed with a medical malpractice lawsuit.

I shall look forward to receiving the evidentiary items that Jim Lesar has. By the way, I have invited Jim and Bud to participate in the Pittsburgh JFK program in November, 1988, so we can definitely count on having this important piece of evidence (along with many others, of course) presented at that seminar.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,


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