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Dear Cyril,

If you wanted a lot of time on Ricky White, which you don't, I'd not now be able to take it because I awakened at 2 a.m. worried about getting my brief filed by the 17th and then spent the major part of the day with two fine young Baltimore policemen who may file a major lawsuit assailing the Letter Contract of the JFK materials Deed of Gift. That suit has enormous possibilities, I think, if they can get a good and willing lawyer to file it. For that matter, I think my appeal also hold considerable potential benefit to plaintiffs and their counsel.

There was a weekend conference at Bud's Dallas center, Saturday and Sunday, from which Bud absented himself. Gary Mack gave me details by phone today. It is all coming apart more and I think that is why Bud wasn't there. He ~~has~~ alas, made himself part of a crude and amateurish fraud. Nice a guy as he can be, and good lawyer and wise person that he is, he manages to go for all the nutty stuff ever made up. More than you can begin to imagine and often terrible. Why he didn't ask my opinion I can only guess but I am inclined to believe he wanted no doubts cast. He wanted to believe. Groden was there.

No part of the story survive examination. Example, the claim that Tippit lived across the street and was a close friend. The phone book discloses that they did not live on the same street. In fact, their press kit includes the Dallas police record that establishes they did not live on the same Street. I got it after using the phone book as my source. None of those dopes checked anything out! Another example, the Marines records establish that White and Oswald did NOT "serve together" although they did go to Japan on the same ship. I could go on and on with such things and with the irrational.

I spotted three "unique" plagiarisms in that three things appeared in three books and none was repeated in any other of which I know.

The utter nonsense account of the Tippit killing comes from a novel, George Bernua's rather interesting Promises To Keep and absolutely no place else. Among other things it has Oswald picked up at the EMBD by Roscoe White, who then picked Tippit up, and after Oswald jumped out of the police car the non-policeman White was driving, White killed Tippit. There are innumerable witnesses to the Tippit killing and all agree he was alone in the car. (This is Ricky White's account/concoction.)

They were, ostensibly, in White's story, on their way to Red Bird airport. (Not, by the way, when at 10 and Patton!) Red Bird airport has but a single source, Jones Harris, quoted by Popkin in a footnote in his book.

The assassin "Saul" and in the Courts building comes from Hugh McDonald's complete fabrication, Appointment in Dallas - and no other source. McDonald made it up!

From the indications as a layman + perceive I fear the TUR is not far in the future.

Recently I've not felt up to doing the appeals brief. Last week I decided to get the upper-body exercise not prescribed despite my requests and in part refused when + asked for an OK. With the change in the weather I could work in the woods near the house, usually sitting, and reduce a large stack of tree branches into compost and kindling, by using a machete, snips and just breaking branches with my hands. Yesterday I spent an hour and a half at it and wasn't tired and felt immeasurably better for it. I'll try to get a little of this kind of exercise daily now and I hope I can get on the brief tomorrow.

Thanks and best wishes,

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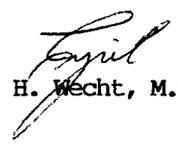
Dear Harold:

I was quite fascinated by your comments concerning the Ricky White story. If you are able to tell me in relatively brief fashion without having to spend a lot of time, I would be very interested in learning the basis for your conclusion that his story is a complete sham with "unique plagiarisms". Obviously, this kind of public presentation is extremely important to all of us, and our cause could be seriously hurt by charlatans and fools.

I hope you will not need another TUR, and that your overall state of health is fairly well-stabilized.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
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