

NEW ADDRESS: Rt. 7, Frederick, Md. 21701

1/16/67

Dear Dr. Wacht,

I hope you understood. I was not in any way questioning your integrity. I am merely apprehensive about unintended disclosures to those who then use material that is not theirs and that they do not understand and misuse.

Perhaps the near future will bring us close enough together so I can tell you more of what I know and have learned.

Likewise, I also hope that soon I'll be able to publish this book, for it has been done nearly four months.

For the moment, and for your information, let me want it to remain undisclosed until I use it as I intend. I have established that there is no chain of possession of the pictures and X-rays said to be those of the President's autopsy.

Also, either Senator Kennedy did not have those in his physical possession all along or there was a duplicate set made, for there was a time, shortly before their return, when these were in government files of some identity. When I was helping almost had access to them. This was not the archives.

Another thing I think you should know for whatever it can do to help your thinking and understanding, is that Senator Kennedy did not deny the pictures and X-rays to the Warren Commission. The opposite is true, as I can prove. In addition, and I regard this as of sufficient literary value to possibly pay for the printing cost of the fifth book - he specifically waived all possibilities of withholding it and all other autopsy information and data. I have that the Archives, quite honestly, assures does not exist. My source is the autopsy authorization, which I have. It has been removed from every file in which it is supposed to be. I got it from another source, not the proper files in the Archives. While this is inconsistent with everything we have been told, it is also beyond question.

I am less concerned that the numbers of pictures and X-rays returned do not stack up against the number reportedly taken, for this may be subject to innocent explanation. And I am satisfied that when the first draft of the autopsy was burned, Oswald had been murdered and it was known that there would be no cross-examination based on it. I recognized this is to say harsh things about Dr. Humes, but it now seems not only that this was the time, but I have no other explanation of the reason.

Of course, I have many other things that relate. These, I think, may be of value in your understanding. Hence, I repeat in confidence, I want you to know. I will, of course, answer any questions you have. I may be away for a day or two before then but will be home most of the time until the first of the month. I leave for two weeks then. I'll be on another trip the end of March.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

CYRIL H. WECHT, M. D., LL. B.  
1417 FRICK BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15219

281-9090

FORENSIC PATHOLOGY  
LEGAL MEDICINE

January 12, 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Coq d'Or Press  
Route 7  
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your informative and interesting letter of 6 January 1968. I am happy to have the benefit of your thoughts, for I know that there are few people who have more knowledge and information about this whole matter than you.

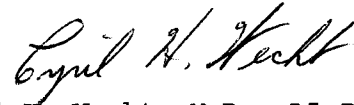
I must confess that you have whetted my curiosity with many of your comments, and I do hope that I shall have an opportunity to meet with you some time in the near future in Washington, D.C. or possibly Pittsburgh. I would be most interested in learning more about the facts that you have alluded to, particularly those concerning the autopsy. As you might well imagine, the smug, self-satisfied defenders of the Warren Commission Report are always ready to challenge the validity of any critical comments made by others. Thus, any additional information that I might be able to obtain in helping to buttress my criticism of the autopsy would be most helpful and appreciated.

It is regretful that your confidence in various people has been betrayed on several occasions, and I am quite sure that you are right in saying that some people have merely plagiarized portions of your work for the purpose of publishing their own articles and books. However, perhaps it might allay your apprehension with regard to me somewhat if I were to tell you that I have absolutely no plans whatsoever to publish any articles or books on this matter. This is not because I am disinterested, but simply because I do not have the time to do so.

I hope that we shall continue to be in touch with each other, and I very much hope that I shall have an opportunity to meet with you in the near future so that I can learn more about the information that you have compiled to be included in your fifth book.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cyril H. Wecht". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., LL.B.

CHW/jjs