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Dear Paul,

Discussing the Bernau book, Promises To Keep, with Idi, I was reminded of what I forgot when I wrote you about Ricky White's fakery: even the diary idea comes from Bernau. It is a central part of that work of fiction. There it is the diary of the man who has more or less Oswald's role.

Then I remembered making a copy of a page or pages on the Bernau story duplicating the Tippit assassination, which which Ricky's fabrication has a close resemblance, for Gary Mack. I thought I'd made a copy for myself but I do not find any in my file.

I did make and keep a copy of the page from Hopkin's book with the footnote relating to the Red Bird airport. It is page 92. You have the book, I presume.

Joe West's press conference, with poor Gary Shaw, turned into a fiasco from what Mack told me. I've not yet seen any stories on it but understand there were some. It got no attention around here of which I am aware. If you see anything I'd appreciate copies.

By the way, as West is accused of stealing not the alleged diary but the alleged cables, so in the Bernau book does the assassin steal the diary.

There have been some crazy stunts but I think this is the most amateurish of the craziest and how anyone could have paid any attention to it I can't understand.

If you've not seen any accounts of the West press conference among other things he had a version of the diary produced (literally) by Geneva, loving wife and mother. Only it was hand-lettered and with a felt-tip pen. Which while Roscoe was alive had not been invented. Not at the time the diary allegedly was written in any event. Roscoe could write and as Geneva cannot, he could spell!

I hope someone in the media taped it and that we can get the tape. Or videotaped it, which would be better. I'm sure Gary will try.

Best,

Paul Hoch