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Mr Dave,

The tables of contents, etc. came yesterday. Postmarked Thursday so there was no delay except getting into the mails. I think it is all fine. I have some questions about the extended table of contents and will be thinking of it more. However, I'll start using the other in copies immediately and with a few changes the biblio. For example, should I use my name or author? And I'll fill the gaps in.

I do appreciate your taking the time.

With the extended I wonder if all the names have to be identified in it or if they are not it'll make sense. Some of it is pretty staccato and I guess it must be or it would be even longer. (I can remember when much of the nonfiction had extended t of c's.)

I fear that in the end it may be too long but can tell only by sitting down with the typed version and comparing it with the extended t of c.

But then what is too long and what isn't? Have to think about it. But I like the idea very much.

Think there should be last names instead of initials, too.

More later. Thanks,

Harry

## Extended Table of Contents.

### Introduction

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i-Murder of JFK exploited by a number of cold war warriors; Ambassador Mann in Mexico City; CIA and Ugarte incident; iii-CIA conjectured about LHO and Kostikov incident in Mexico City; iv-Hosty sees Marina as a KGB sleeper agent & LHO as dangerous; iv-Hosty at police headquarters, Dallas PD learned FBI has reason to believe Oswald violent and a communist; v-Hosty removed from LHO duty; Hosty ordered to destroy note on Nov. 24; LHO not Hosty's case; vi-Hosty wanted nuclear war for he instantly knew LHO killed JFK; vi-book has no sources, rife with errors, spurns evidence, etc., to rewrite JFK murder; vi-claims monster government conspiracy against him; viii--tape discussion insert page.

### Chapter 1. Credibility. An FBI Rewrite of the JFK Assassination. 1

1-JPH claims assigned to be lead investigator of LHO, JPH an expert & key witness & participant in every stage of the investigation. None of it true; 2-FBI removed JPH from LHO case the morning of Nov. 22; no lead investigator on the LHO case; 3-JPH thinks of self as one who knew and understood everything; attacks Hoover, Congress, Warren Commission, R. Kennedy, Secret Service, Dallas PD; 4-claims nothing to be done w/ "threats" on JFK, but not true-Walker, Denton; 6-falsifies LHO's background; 10-falsely calls FBI LHO case counter-espionage, rebuttal of JPH's charge; 13-JPH's credibility severely damaged by his omission of well-known data that LHO anti-Communist; 15-JPH account of his activities during JFK visit reveals his ignorance of basic facts; 19-JPH slanders WC McCloy; 20-JPH ordered by his superior to report on any pre-visit violent ones, JPH knew LHO violent, and did not report him to SS; 21 no part of book where JPH's credibility not in question and often his honesty.

## Chapter 2. The Flap Factory.

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22-entire book ignores corpus delicti & is a political diatribe; 22-depiction of his activities at time of murder reveals his incompetence; 24-at office finds LHO file with Mexico City data added & then and there solved crime; 24-ordered to Dallas PD for LHO interview; libels Revill of PD; 25-falsely labels LHO FBI case a counter espionage case, refutation of; 26-story of JPH meeting LHO disinformation; 27-discussion of LHO's violent note not true; 28-JPH's verbatim quotes of Fritz questioning of LHO not in records, made up; 29-claims copying from his notes, but swore to WC he destroyed them; 30-further professional incompetence of JPH shown; 30-critical examination of JPH's reproduced notes reveals data not on them that he discusses; 32-misrepresents PD lineup; falsifies the Tippit murder scene; 34-FBI removes him from LHO interrogation for proper reasons, but JPH thinks conspiracy to silence him; 35-return to FBI office confronted with note from LHO; 37- JPH discusses what Shanklin of Dallas FBI told the agents, none of it factually correct & lies about his actions; 38-in his eyes world does not appreciate JPH.

## Chapter 3. Out Again, In Again-Flap Factory.

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39-JPH chapter 3 devoted to puffing JPH, mundane and trivial; 39-states falsely that FBI traced rifle to LHO; 40-constantly salts his book with factoids that government coverup of red conspiracy and silencing JPH; 40-Wallace Heitman, FBI Mexico City, visit to Dallas 11-23, JPH gets plane, time, airfield wrong; 41-FBI, CIA personnel knew everything about LHO more fully than JPH who took it from them and improvised upon it; 41-Eldon Rudd FBI in MexCity flew to Dallas with tape of phone intercept transcript that FBI claims can't be found, Hosty ignorant on; 42-Rudd in Dallas worked with LHO agents and JPH not one; 42-discussion of phone transcript incident; 43-JPH tries to make self important to reader by bogus issues-factually in error; 43-uses "we" and "our" to make reader think JPH part of it all when he wasn't; 43-JPH report on LHO at PD, reprints it, but already printed by WC; 44-politically twists the report incident, report does not agree with facts of JPH alleged notes also printed; 44-not ordered out of interview before he could ask red questions, a lie; 45-facts show LHO had JPH on the defensive, not the reverse; 46-all JPH knew well known by all; 46-interview with Ruth Paine; 47-JPH returns to the note and his determination the Oswalds were reds, when FBI had determined they were not; 48-JPH chapter 4 largely worthless; 48-falsifies who ordered note destroyed, was Hoover; 50-JPH states Kostikov LHO relation, not true; 52-falsifies Snyder LHO incident; 52-LHO address book; 54-JPH meets Hoover as part of effort to control JPH; 55-FBI did give all it had on CIA to WC, Hosty ignorant.

**Chapter 4. Unintended Self Ridicule.**

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56-JPH describes Shanklin Dallas FBI SAIC as on edge of breakdown; 57-JPH ignorant of cold war scenario, esp. Cuba and JFK; 58-JPH incompetence on Oswald as assassin; 58-LHO regarded by JPH as a machine without mind; 59-misrepresents the official evidence placing LHO on sixth floor; 59-Shanklin had agents audit Hosty's work showing JPH not be trusted, primarily because of stone age right wing political views; 60-FBI interview with Marina, meaning lost on befuddled JPH, i.e. to force her to cooperate; 62-Marina had no assassination information, contrary to JPH; 62-federal interviews with Marina; 64-JPH and Marina interview a farce, believes Marina red agent and he being blocked from; 66-JPH description a ridicule of himself; 66-believes on the basis of his right wing views alone that he could have solved the case; 67-Hoover letter censuring JPH; 67-name not on FBI reports on LHO background, not investigator of; 68-Marina and Oswald to MexCity confused by JPH; 68-refers to FBI investigation as thorough and exhaustive, when it was the reverse; 69-libels Warren, but mixes up the facts; 70-MexCity again; 70-invents material on WC; 71-FBI and phone taps, Hosty confused, error ridden; 73-calls Marina a sleeper agent, invents bizarre bio.

**Chapter 5. Nothing But Hot Air.**

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78-Attempts to make case for LHO as assassin with beginning of defense of JPH; 78-the Revill matter, corrupted by JPH; 79-the Bill Alexander matter, corrupted by JPH; 80-JPH believes more he denigrates others the higher he rises; 81-Sylvia Odio incident; 82-massive errors in describing; 84-FBI had report of attempt to kill JFK and did nothing at all for eight months, JPH incompetent and ignorant of; Hosty describes Hall, all false; 85-formation of WC, JPH's account pure fiction; 87-lies about LHO's actions in MexCity; 87-Yatskov not Kostikov; 89-falsifies Texas Court of Inquiry role; 90-WC inquiry into rumor LHO worked for FBI; 91-Hosty simply lies that the Revill memo had an incendiary para added later, Weisberg shows this clearly; 91-affidavit printed long ago by HW; 91-document typed in text; 91-92, interleave, copy of original reproduced; 92-original and Revill affidavit compared, only difference is notary stamp, Hosty barefaced lied; 93-picture section of book discussed, massive errors; 93-unsubstantiated section that JFK would forcibly retire Hoover; 95-states WC Report held him directly responsible for JFK death, a statement without any documentation; 96-states WC should have asked him about CIA, MexCity etc., but nothing to stop him from telling it; 96-series of falsities about MexCty; 98-makes himself lead investigator, when only one sometimes used in a minor area; 98-falsely states CIA on WC and staff; 100-mystery why JPH not fired.



**Chapter 6. He Can't Get Anything Right.**

102-After JPH transferred to KanCity he claims he learned WC hid LHO's red ties; CIAs own records conclusively show no LHO actions in MexCty; 103-again JPH asserts in charge of case, when fact is otherwise; 104-asserts if public knew nuclear war would have occurred, but over LHO asking for a vias?; 104-all is conjecture:no proof offered Kostikoy an assassination expert,etc.; 105-JPH believes Hoover controlled!; 105-JPH believes FBI, CIA, LBJ, SS, WC, covering up, utter irrationality; 107-sites Solo source, shown to be without merit; 108-lies about LHO being asked by Soviet operator who he is working with; 109-makes up factors to sustain LHO at Soviet embassy, utter whole cloth; 110-LHO killed JFK to prove his loyalty to Communists; 110-but reds knew LHO anti-Soviet!; 111-Oswald-Kostikov conversation shown by HW with CIA records to be a coincidence; 113-122 discusses Hosty destroying note; 114-reason FBI not fire JPH was note threat against FBI, not Hosty!; 114-FBI investigation of note destruction; 115-Hosty avoids records of that investigation; 115-JPH falsely says note not signed by LHO; 117-Fenner affidavit of July 15, 1975 printed; 118-Fenner affidavit of Sept. 2, 1975 printed; 120-Fenner affidavit of Sept. 5, 1975 printed; 121-no punishment for FBI personnel; after page 122, reproduced page from CIA report of Dec., 13, 1963, of LHO phone call to MexCity embassy.

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*Pats had not*

*arranged for*

**Chapter 7. Is Hosty Rational?**

123-manifestations of Hosty's extreme political views; 123-virulently anti-Kennedy he invents to damage their reputation; 123-Robert Kennedy did not order a coverup, facts disprove; 124-Schweiker subcomt.; 125-JPH ridicules right-wing Cubans as assassins, but record abounds in information on them; 126-JPH imagines conspiracy of Schw against him; 126-saturates text with anti-red diatribe based on errors; 128-JPH claims RFK order CIA to halt MexCity investig., a lie; 129-discussion of Alvarado Ugarte incident; 132-House Comt. called by JPH as with a JFK wing, not true; 132-JPH fabricates LHO biography; 133-records are clear, KGB did not trust LHO; 134-description of CIA activities without source and invented; 135-no LHO Cuban connection; 136-JPH version of JFK murder & LHO vague and sourceless and false; 140-JPH contradicts self and has LBJ close down MexCity; 140-CIA did not investigate the crime; 141-JPH 18 points for SS putting LHO on watch list are false and preposterous; 142-Nosenko incident discussed, JPH grossly & bizarrely in error; 146-Hart of CIA report on Nosenko; 147-Barron, KGB, book and US russian embassy bugs, dishonesty of JPH; 148-no FBI men bought Nosenko's story, same not on LHO case; 149-no RFK notice of Nosenko; 149-JPH sets forth motive for LHO, ideology & fame, neither supported by fact, sources, or reality; 151-JPH book so spectacularly dishonest and reactionary it makes a Goebbels of Hosty; 152-publisher obviously wanted a book like this.

**Chapter 8. Hosty's "Close, Thorough and Honest  
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153-JPH's discussion of House Assassination Comt. so grossly ignorant it beggars belief; 155-JPH testimony before House Assn Comt.; 155-JPH always misquoted when quoted; 156-JPH shuns evidence; 157-slanders critics, yet all he assigns to them he does; 159-claims not political, yet all is political for him; 159-critics also of right, not just left; 161-165-Newman's *Oswald* & JPH's book; 162-Newman quotes JPH as saying Karamessines of CIA called off MexCity investigation, but not possible for JPH to know; 163-failure of JM to check; 164-JM retailing of LHO and Duran sex relationship, an impossible story; 165-JPH claims examined murder evidence, not true; 166-no highly classified material relating to reds; 166-apes Posner in account of shooting; 166-JPH does not mention Tague; 167-critique of Posner; 168-no FBI agent recreated shooting; 169-no bullet hole in tie; 170-173-bullet 399 scenario false; 174-LHO paraffin casts exculpatory; 175-JPH states no evidence for a second gunman; 175-180, HW establishes proof for second gunman; 181-JPH no knowledge of evidence; 182-characteristics of book: incompetent, dishonest, corrupt, and invented; critical of everyone except self, whom-183-sees as lone American hero.

**Chapter 9. The Corruption Built In Is a Danger to All Americans.** 184

184-190-conclusion; 184-Hosty not typical of all FBI agents; 184-in JFK FBI lied, did not report, followed a party line; 185-Bronson film; 186-FBI agents think as an institution without directives, corruption is built in; 187-Hosty represents Hoover political perspective, a clone; 187-JPH dishonest, can average citizen defend self against this; 188-no difference between U. S. and repressive societies; 188-FBI investigation a political diatribe & not on the crime; 189-Dept of Justice, courts, press, accept and defend it; 191-Hosty book raises key question on type of society we are.