

Dear Dave,

3/24/94

In a half-hour or so I take Lil grocery shopping and then to lunch. Having difficulty staying awake while sitting and reading. Perhaps I'll be able to while typing. So a word more about the records I believe I told you that Dr. Gary Aguilar had sent me. If not, they are HSCA records disclosed under the new law by the Archives. I wrote Gary about a week ago asking him how he got them but as yet no response.

Included are a transcript of a day's testimony taken by the "house assassins" medical panel, Ebersole and Finck the witnesses, and about a dozen and a half staff memos on interviews, two accompanied by affidavits. They are from Sibert and O'Neill.

After thinking about it for a while I decided to write an Afterword for NEVER AGAIN! that would in any event be a record for history. I do not assume that Callen will welcome it. I'll let it wait a couple of days so I may confabulate less in reading and correcting it. It is pretty long, maybe 10,000 words.

With all that is new and relevant in it suppressed all these years.

Most of it is on Ebersole's testimony so much of which refutes so much of the official autopsy story and at the same time makes the autopsy and all the medical people involved in it even less than the records they made of themselves.

He is explicit in stating that there was no pressure to limit anything from the family. Yet when the same panel questioned Finck that afternoon and he went through that same cock-and-bull story they asked him not a single question about it. His was mostly saying he did not remember or did not know and that also was never questioned. But he did wind up, and I quoted the last two pages on this in full, saying that it was Calloway who drew the lines for the autopsy.

Ebersole is also explicit, and under questioned did not change, in saying that Humes phoned Perry during the autopsy, in his presence. He first said that was about 10:30 and then that it was at least after ten and before 11.

I loaned this to Jerry. He will make a copy for you.

They also used their inferior X-ray equipment, the portables, in the belief that it would show the bullet the sole purpose of that X-raying being to locate it. And that the X-rays show artifacts, ranging from dust to blisters, the latter either from the original processing or in later uses under lights that got too hot. My cautions about this to Gary and for Mantik also may have made him unhappy.

Of the dozen and a half staff investigative reports I've used only two, Sibert more extensively than O'Neill. They refer to the difference between the damages and deposits shown in the brain X-rays and the through-and-through wound. Sibert says the head bullet "fragmentized." O'Neill says it "disintegrated." It is to ask the Lab about this that Sibert left the autopsy to phone the Lab. From the account I have, as soon as he told Chuck Killian at the lab about this extensive fragmentation into such tiny pieces Kil-

asked him if he had heard that a ⁷white bullet was found at ⁸Arkland. That is the end of all mention of that disintegration of that bullet! Sibert understood very well. From his own account he never got any answer.

Donald A. (Andy) Purdy was Blakey's man on all this, with Flanagan.

Sibert and O'Neill both rewrote the affidavits prepared for them to sign. There was a delay of more than a year with Sibert after that interview, of almost that long with O'Neill.

I've located a Hood student who wants to do some typing. I expect here here day after tomorrow. I'll get all of this retyped. It then should be less difficult to read than my rough drafts. They I'll send you the retyped copies.

It is a hell of a self-condemnation by the House assassins!

And, of course, they merely joined the Commission in suppression of it. But they both knew.

Best
Sibert