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Dear Mark,

Thanks very much for the fine batch of articles with your 12/28, here yesterday only. I appreciate the time and cost you invested very much.

Although I realize you may be home or elsewhere in the break on the chance you are not I write immediately because of your plans to be here between the 12th and 20th. I will be away the 14th, a trip to Johns Hopkins that always tires me.

A few hasty comment on your letter and answers to questions:

Nightline taped me for close to two hours and that is all they used!

What you propose doing about Belin, questioning him, is worthwhile and may be in ways you do not anticipate. He has been psycho on the subject for years, driven while being ^{driven} up by it as he seeks self-justification. I debated him once and found that he regards himself as omniscient, that anyone who disagrees with him is ignorant, that he is incredibly long-winded and can be quite evasive, *at length*.

I do not know that any rifle was found on the TSBH roof. I've heard reports but seen no proof. I believe that was started by Penn ones.

You postulate three theories. The one that involves Oswald least is that he "was not involved in the shooting." How about a fourth, not knowing involved at all?

You seem to assume that Oswald was on the sixth floor and got to the second before Baker. I think this is not correct, that he was not there, sixth floor, to begin with. There is a probative case that he was not and was on street level. On the former, check with what I first wrote about it, in Whitewash.

In your last graf you assume that there was a rifleman in that sixth floor window, another man. I remember no proof that any shot was fired from there. Much preconception and conjecture only, and with so many people in the area, I think one would have been seen. That there was little or no prospect of escape from the building bears on this. I do not recall that ~~he~~ denied carrying ^{guns}curtain rods that day. You probably refer to some report. But ~~there~~ ^{there} is nothing to indicate that he carried a rifle to work that day and all the evidence is that he did not. Again, recheck Whitewash on this.

While there are questions about those backyard photos, there were so many it is not likely they were faked unless on the negatives, and I think there is no indication of this there.

Thanks and best wishes,

On, by the way, ^{Dr David}Wrome will be here after the 15th and we are to work and would not want any interruption. So I hope it all works out. *He should move when in a few days*

thanks and best wishes,

F. Kelly

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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter of December 14. I trust your new year went well. It looks like I will be in your area sometime between January 12-20. I will call you when I can lock down a specific date for my visit and we can then discuss if that is acceptable.

I have enclosed a copy of the Premier article as well as an assortment of articles on the Stone film. It appears that Mr. Stone was widely sort after to discuss the film by nearly every magazine and newspaper. I think I will stop purchasing copies for I am finding the interviews are tending to become very repetitive.

I was able to view the Nightline program when it was aired. It is too bad they did not allot you a greater amount of airtime. I felt it went well. Thank you for agreeing to allow me to photocopy some of your files. I hope that includes the copy of the JFK script as well. I understand that the final script will be published as a book and will be released shortly.

For your information the Mead Data Retrieval System is a legal database which is widely used in the practice of law. The library databases contain a vast amount of information from around the world, primarily legally related of course. However, the Nexis database contains the complete editions of many of the major newspapers from across the United States and several worldwide. For the most part the Nexis library extends as far back as 1980, although it depends on the newspaper.

While I was on my recent ski trip I read Belin's book, November 22, 1963. As I mentioned previously I would like to write a legal analysis of the case and Belin directed his arguments as if he were addressing a jury. I intend to send him a very lengthy list of questions and observations. Hopefully, he will be willing to address them and perhaps speak with me at some point. It is interesting how he attacked Lane for only choosing the evidence which best suited Lane and his theories yet, as any good attorney would do, Belin does the very same thing!

What do you know of the rifle that was supposedly discovered and photographed on the roof of the TSBDB?

There are three obvious legal arguments that can be pursued: (1) Oswald did it alone; (2) Oswald was involved in a conspiracy; and (3) Oswald was set up and did not partake in the shooting (it worked for Rabbi Kahane's killer, why not Oswald). I believe there exists a good legal argument that Oswald was not involved in the shooting. This would of course involve the witnesses who saw Oswald at the time a gunman was seen in the window, the timing problem from getting down to the 2nd floor in a calm manner to meet Officer Baker and the lack of evidence indicating Oswald fired the rifle, etc.

However, there are several questions I am unable to answer which damages this theory greatly. First, if there was another gunman (or gunmen) in the sixth floor window, how did they get out of the building? Was the rifle found on the roof connected to this possibility? Second, if Oswald had nothing to do with the shooting, why did he deny carrying the package of "curtain rods" to work that day? Does his denial indicate he did carry a rifle to work? Finally, with regards to the backyard photographs, how can the argument be set out they are fake if Marina states she took them herself? The last I heard she still stands by this statement (on Anderson's 25th anniversary show she mentioned taking the pictures again). Anyone of these questions presents a serious problem and I have no answers to them, do you?

I look forward to hearing from you shortly. Keep well.

Sincerely,



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