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I've decided to use the 1/22/64 transcript at the press conference prior to the apparently not well organized NYU meeting and a not cheap shot at Belin, who said you have to work from the Tippit killing. He was part of that part and he handled a witness who was directly contradicted by sworn but not public evidence and he suppressed that which contradicted what he wanted believed. Not the only case-with Belin.

This is an update on several matters. Perhaps all seem confused and confusing to you. I'm too tired for other things so I pay you this compliment and explain.

JL is going to file interrogatories prior to the hearing of 5/2. The FBI has not delivered a complete spectro or a complete NAA. The necessary comparisons were not made and they appear to be chancing it on the judge, who is the kind they can figure will dismiss on their showing of having made some delivery. JL asked for and received a verbal assurance that we have all. He did not have time to write, as I'd asked, so we could have this assurance as a matter of written record. He had been toying with the idea all along. He has just decided when there is more time pressure based on an account of a conversation by one party, Mader's Ron Plessner, who spoke with the DJ lawyer who sits on such cases in general, not in specific on this case because there have been no court filings that require signature other than that of the USAtty's office. She is without doubt involved. Mary Lawton. Anyway, she told Plessner, "We just don't have what he wants." This is to say they destroyed it or it never existed because what they have given me does not meet the requirements of the science they were to have used. SO I've given Jim, by phone, some basic questions, more than enough to make a prima facie case in the last minute, all he'll have. If the judge refuses to allow them I think there can be a reaction. Then we'll file, as in 2052-73, a second set. I was reminded of something else they did not do - and it should be essential- in packing stuff to take to NYC in the a.m. and I've noted it for JL. I think the papers may pick this stuff up. They had a multi-horned dilemma and they've taken what for them is, I think, the wisest course: ~~do~~ delay and nobody becomes a fink on their side.

I face a real problem on this: between being responsible and holding off on saying anything and letting one of the commercializers who have jumped on my back again and probably made requests steal my work and stuff. My plan is to make a general comment at the NYU press conference which will a) establish that this is my work and b) it could be unfair to disclose partial results until the government has given me written assurances that they have delivered all. (I alone did file. Meaning in court.) I'll probably add that what I've seen is no comfort to me, no reassurance on the integrity of the investigation, and seems to be enough to destroy the entire fiction. This should be enough to label a theft a theft. Or a free ride a free ride.

I've not yet had time to read the speech. JL has read some and is in general satisfied. I'll read it either after supper or on the train. Maybe I'll get time to time it in NYC. But I'm prepared to make an issue if anyone tries to cut it off and I spent much of the day collecting a catalogue of horrors on those of whom I'm soaking. With names. I still have to cut it. I expect the real trouble from Lane and his gang. Brussell has been excluded and is holding a rump session of her own in a theater. I encouraged them to leave her alone.

They seem to have made no definite plans for Sunday, amazingly enough. When I learned this I encouraged a bull session with all the "critics" present and to be part individually or collectively. I don't even have a program yet. Which makes me wonder if they can be playing games. But I'll find out and if they are I'll make the speech in a press conference. Somehow. (They've been crazy and staged the whole beginning too late for a.m.s. It begins at 8 p.m. However, I have a few carbons. I plan to give one to a new contact at CBS, to whom I'm also giving the transcript with a "hold" so he can do his own story in advance. We're meeting tomorrow before supper. I could give Kihss another copy. If he wants it. I'm not borrowing trouble but I'm not unaware that what I plan to go into will not be pleasant to a few not in the audience to perhaps to more than a few in the audience. But it needs saying, Newhall told me today that the whispers he is getting from around the country about Lane are not good. (So among the things I'm taking is the Lane who now says we don't know who did it saying when he was getting \$1,500 a shot that the CIA did it and his keeping a lecture bureau from booking me.)

We'll see what happens. Best,