

Dear Esory,

2/24/79

The print and slides came this morning but it was hours before I had a chance to open the envelope. I've examined the single print and a single slide to get an idea of what the slides hold. With two reporters now a half-hour late on a three-hour trip I decided to postpone examination of the slides and to write you instead. Until they get here.

If the added markings on the print of the videotaped shot of the X-ray indicate what you say and I do not dispute there is something very much wrong and possibly a substituted X-ray. (Lifton reported said when Cyril emerged from his examination that Cyril really can't read X-rays.)

Where you indicate missing bone toward the rear I am pretty sure that my close examination of the X frames originally withheld at the Archives does not or did not disclose missing scalp and hair at that point.

Jim Lesar's wife is a skilled radiologist. If possible I believe clear and untouched prints for her to examine might be worth the trouble and cost.

I hope the slides include what interested me, the "enhancement" that eliminated the 40 dust-like particles, which was essential as a precondition of Baden's conclusions.

Wish I had technical knowledge of such matters. Suppose the enhancement did not or could not cause the elimination? Then certainly these are other X-rays, not JFK's.

2/25. I've removed and examined the slides. I gave my good projector to a student who could not adjust them so I examined them by holding them to the light. They are great! and I'll be using some if and when I have to speak on JFK again.

No. 33 is the skull shot I was interested in. I can't see if it shows the tiny particles but think not. 15 and 29 are valuable because they show that measurements were made and locations other than in the official account. I am particularly interested in 21 and 23, two views of Baden with the throat sketch. It is my recollection that this does not really match the Clark panel's description but I now lack time for checking or need as compared with other unmet needs. As I recall the point for checking is the irregular surface and I think the sketch reflects the opposite edge from the report. I could be wrong.

Dave Krohn of Univ. Wisconsin, Stevens Point, History, 54401, has slide copying facilities in their communications school. They are also making various kinds of copies available at nominal, non-profit charges, as they can accession materials. Do you have a set you can lend him? I am reluctant to send those for copying because my strange and generally ineffectual lecture bureau has twice recently come up with short-notice speaking engagements. On one they asked me only on the day before I left, the other six days without confirmation until day before I left. So if they are going to get me any appearances of this sort, meaning anything with which it supplement Social Security, I'd like to be in a position to use the slides.

If you are in a position to compare the enhanced skull X-ray with the descriptions it would be good to know if they have enhanced into oblivion. Same if the throat sketch is not faithful to the verbal descriptions.

If there is any cost please let me know. I've an awful accumulation to catch up on after much, too much, affidavitting in SOLA and five days of recent being away and all the time it has taken to keep out 125 yd. lane clear. An unexpected fee enabled me to buy a not inexpensive but excellent snow blower. Without it I'd be food in and now unable to handle all that ice. ...Many thanks and best wishes,

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