

Dear Dal Mc<sup>u</sup>irk,

4.29.92

Because of the life that to many would be strange forced on me by circumstances your 4/18 (my wife's 80th birthday) is the first to which I respond today. Doing this will also enable me - I was about to say include it in the package but I won't. I will, however, make the package so it can be picked up tomorrow and get strated on its long way.

These same circumstances make it impossible for me to respond at length. We agree on much. What I <sup>def</sup> had to do in recent months is read incoming mail with a highlighter and mark that to which I'll respond. And on your comment on the chill there, here we are nearing May day and we had a light feeze last night. But I am confident that the world really is heating up. I can remember back much farthur that you can.

With regard to your leg problems I've gotten enormous benefit from a pair of dedicated and competent physical therapists. And that got my wife from three months in a ~~hw~~ wheelchair in two weeks. Soon she did not even need a cane. *without medication*

Glad you could get the Roffman and Meagher books. Meagher's is a current Vintage reprint if you know anyone who would like it. The Warren Report has been reprinted by Walden Books and someone else. *Barnes & Noble*

Whitewash may well <sup>be</sup> be the world's most stolen book. Not only was this common in libraries, I got ~~numerous~~ calls from people who said they'd bought the book, placed it on their desk, went to the lavatory or to <sup>N</sup> hang outer garments up and it was stolen by the time they returned. They had me mail it to their homes.

You are right to worry about the kind of world in which your children will come to maturity. It started becoming a much different world when JFK was offed. Elsewhere you say something about political changes and it is my view that throughout the world, but particularly here, there is a consistent drive toward authoritarianism. And regardless of the costs, all costs.

Beginning, I suppose now, about the time of the Bay of Pigs I came to believe that the President, and this may be true of leaders in other countries, is the captive of his advisers on whom he depends for what he knows. I think this was Kennedy's realization then and if not it had to be at the time of the Cuba Missile Crisis. They'd have had him and us in World War II in no time at all.

as you think about the political and social implications of that assassination, ask yourself ~~if~~ without it LBJ would ever have been President. Or Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush. I think none, and not Carter, either. It would have been an entirely different world toward which he and Khrushchev were groping. The cold war would have ended sooner and probably without, <sup>at</sup> least with less chaos.

Alas we have no way of knowing who the assassins were and there seems to me to be little likelihood that we ~~never~~ will. There are too many who could have seen ~~begin~~ not to themselves or their beliefs to pinpoint with that kind of thinking. We can eliminate

by asking cui boho but no more. Those you mention are all reasonably candidates but there is no proof and none is likely to surface.

I've often wondered if the actual assassins are still alive. No part of it was amateur but this does not necessarily mean hired professional hitmen, aka mechanics. However, I'd not want to write their insurance.

I do not think any David Ferrie types did the shooting. You ask what was he doing driving around in Texas. I suspect that he may have known Oswald or may have had some kind of relationship with him ~~xx~~ when Oswald was a boy and given Ferrie's own record, did not want to be available to be asked. But again, we have no way of knowing. He seems to have expected this and he did stay in touch with New Orleans to learn if anyone was looking for him.

If I said there is no evidence of any shooting from the knoll I may have been referring to the Commission's files because there is reason to believe that at least one shot came from the front. I'm certain of one.

<sup>h/</sup>Tjks reminds me. I suggest that you read the books in the order of their appearance with one exception. In East Morten I suggest that you read first the 1/22/64 executive session transcript. It will tell you much about the Commission. I think it may help understanding, too. *Then go to the first book*

Before enhancement I was certain that I <sup>saw</sup> ~~saw~~ a man man in the Moorman pictures. But as you say, this does not mean ~~that~~ that person was an assassin. I'm sorry that he has been called an assassin.

Well, let us hope that somehow, in spite of itself, the world does become a better place for your children and all other children and that this comes to pass with universal freedom of the best possible next thing to it.

I do thank you for your interesting letter.

All the best,

*Haroldo usky*