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Dear Harold,

Today is my birthday, I am 51 years. Quite amazing to realise year by year that I am whatever age I am by higher and higher numbers. Inside, in my head and my heart, I feel no changes.

Many thanks for your very good letter of the 15th June which I received last Thursday, the same day on which your books arrived. I thank you heartily for both, books and letter.

After a couple of days of being politely knocked back by two editors I approached offering a Weisberg story, I had a much better response this morning. The editor of the "Sunday Star" expressed clear interest, as outlined below. The "Sunday Star" is a quality national paper published weekly in Auckland and sold throughout New Zealand and the South Pacific. Its weekly audited circulation is 125,000 which is not bad for a small country the size of New Zealand, 3.4 million inhabitants.

I happen to know Jenny Wheeler the editor, albeit slightly, which may have been a bit of a help in getting her interest.

She asked for a draft outline from you for a 3,000 word story (the length of their standard article) but with the following provisos-

1. It has to include a "newsy angle" and to relate to recent developments in the USA (e.g. in the wake of the movie 'JFK') or to any other 'stories' currently in the pipeline, such as whether re-opening the case is an issue in the 1992 Presidential election,
2. no photos or photocopies of documents will be required at this stage. Whatever photos may be used to illustrate an article would more than likely be taken from their own photo library. The only documents likely to be asked for from you would be ones used as illustrations.
3. the "Sunday Star" would not be in a position to offer a large sum in payment for any article, and
4. there is at present only an "expression of interest" and no commitment on behalf of the paper to publish anything.

I mentioned the possibility of syndicating the article for publication in Australia, and elsewhere, but she said she would not look at anything until she had read the draft outline and made a decision whether to buy it or not.

After you have typed up the outline draft (I imagine this is no more than a synopsis of main points with references, around 300-400 words in all) you can either send it straight to the "Sunday Star" or you can send it to me and have me hand it on for you. If you wish to send it straight to the "Sunday Star", I would appreciate having a copy from you so that I know about it and could help promote it by keeping in touch with Jenny Wheeler. However, going on my conversation with her this morning, may I venture to suggest it may be better if I were to present it personally. When we first spoke this morning she too was quite ready to dismiss the subject as 'old hat' and as 'something most New Zealanders have read enough about over the years'. But the more I talked, the more interested she became herself and this led then to <sup>the</sup> more serious response to the offer of taking a story from you.

The address to use if you wish to write direct to the "Sunday Star" is as under,

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Harold, thank you once again for taking the time to answer my questions (and I imagine they must be ones you have already answered over and over for other interested people). Please suffer me one further question, and it is one that has been unanswered in my mind since I first started reading about this subject earlier this year- who was it who suggested to Oswald that he apply for a job at the Texas School Book Depository? This is a crucial question in relation to the 'framing' of Oswald. If there is any connection here between that person or persons and the CIA, the FBI, the Secret Service, or Military Intelligence, then a chain of communication can be traced back to, to, to who knows where! Was it George de Mohrenschildt? Somewhere I read that suggestion, but I cannot recall where (I have read too many books, and all more or less at the same time, on this subject recently). And I think there was some indication that De Mohrenschildt did have a known connection to the CIA. Do you know anything of this? Whatever or whoever connected Oswald with the job in the TSBP must be an important link in the chain of organisation behind the assassination.

Since receiving the packet of <sup>o</sup>ur books last week I have read 'Oswald in New Orleans' and 'Whitewash II'. My mind is quite bruised, emotionally and mentally, after this and I am going to give myself a break for a week or two now before I start to read anything further.

I hope you, and your wife, are enjoying a lovely Summer now, and that the problem of sleep disturbance has been overcome. My wife and I have this problem with our three year old who sometimes gets asthma at nights, broken sleep is tiring.

with all best wishes,

Pat McClellan