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dear Harold, and Lilian

please excuse the very long time it has been since I last wrote to you. It has been an exceptionally busy and stressful time for me, in my work and personal life. Friends from the States (they live in Seattle) came to stay with us in November and I had to take some time away from my job while they were here which complicated an already busy time for me, being the end of our academic year. In short, I got behind with nearly everything.

As I mentioned on the phone, all the local and national daily newspapers here seemed to have used syndicated articles originating overseas dealing with the assassination around the time of the thirtieth anniversary. I saw nothing here as blatantly endorsing the official version as the coverage the Brisbane "Courier Mail" gave to Gerald Posner, though quite a few of the articles printed here did refer to Posner, invariably in superlatives ('brilliantly researched' etc.), and dealt with criticism of the Warren Report by lumping all criticism together, dismissing it as 'having run its course now' and being the work of cranks, money grabbers, mentally sick people with a morbid fascination for JFK and his death, etc. etc..

I did not bother keeping any of this material or you as I assumed you would have seen the same sort of thing in the States, especially articles sourced from such as 'Newsweek' etc. Friends in Australia sent me a few cuttings from papers over there, but there was nothing I thought worth copying for you, except one story in "The Morning Bulletin", Rockhampton, which covered a book by an Australian author Colin Davies (titled 'Named'), who puts names to those he alleges were the assassins (CIA and Mafia contract killers). I did not bother copying this for you, but will if you are interested.

I did not get replies back from either Gary Mack or Jim Lesar, though I did receive a standard and impersonal letter from the Assassination Research Centre in Washington DC offering me membership for \$US25.00 a year. This application form must have resulted from my letter to Jim Lesar. I am going to send the money and join their mailing list, it was another thing left in my 'yet to do' pile of papers last month. I am on holiday now, our summer school vacation, and I am going to need all the time to catch up on things I am behind with.

I am going to keep phoning the "New Zealand Herald" and the "Sunday Star" to remind them I am indeed happy to accept any new books they receive for review on the assassination, and do the reviews. I look forward to some reading over the next few months, books released in the States or in Europe around the date of the assassination anniversary would not reach NZ until early 1994. I will certainly try to make sure I write a review on Posner's book when it arrives in NZ, so anything you can share with me on this subject will be much welcomed.

I hope you both enjoy the NZ calendar, and I also hope you enjoy 1994 and that it is a happy and successful year for you. And in the hope this may reach you by Christmas, my wishes to both of you for a happy Xmas time.

With love and best wishes,

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