

Auckland, 26/02/94

Dear Harold

Thank you for your letters of 31st January and 2nd February, along with the copies of letters to and from James Earl Ray.

My review of the Posner/Groden/Hamilton books in the NZ Herald has still to appear. Every week over the past month I have phoned Jack Leigh, the features editor, only to be reassured that my copy has gone down to be typeset and so is in the pipeline, and should be there "next week". As soon as it really is there I shall send it to you. I am enclosing instead another review, one I saved from the 30th January issue of the "NZ Sunday Times", covering the Posner and Groden books written by somebody who was taken in by Posner.

Other enclosures here are the recommended reading list from Donald Craig's course handbook, and an article printed in the NZ Herald of 23rd February. It reports an Australian study published in Canberra by a Greg Austin on the CIA's poor scholarship in researching and identifying the intentions of the Soviet Union during the Cold War years. I am going to write to Greg Austin and ask to buy a copy of his study. I would be grateful to have your appreciation of the worth of the books Don Craig listed for his students.

I found the story of your meeting in the late Summer of 1966 with Roy Kellerman's daughter very interesting, and it touched me. Harold, what would people like Roy Kellerman have said in the privacy of their own homes? Just what could people like Roy Kellerman, who were so close to the events of 22nd November 1963, know? I can well imagine they were aware of a coverup, and for somebody like Roy Kellerman who attended the autopsy, the way in which the physical medical evidence was presented must have spoken volumes. I hope you can share this with me. I assume you cannot always be completely frank with me, but I hope this is one instance when you can let me share your thoughts. It is one area I have no information on, what people like Roy Kellerman may have thought privately. They would have been bound by their oath of secrecy, and they would be the sort of people to honour such an oath which would stop the possibility of being involved in publishing their views.

I received the papers from Gerald McKnight today. So far I have only skimmed them, looking at the subject matter and not the content. I see I have some careful reading to do. I will write to Gerald and thank him. He removed all material dealing with the Martin Luther King assassination. On reflection I think I should have taken it from him as well. I'll suggest it when I write back to him.

I have not heard anything from David Wrone yet so I will drop him a line in the next few days. I shall ask him how I should go about getting copies of those parts of his course material he feels he can share with me, and whether I need to send money first to cover his costs.

When I have received whatever David Wrone can send me I shall sit down with what I now have from Gerald McKnight and with my own notes sketch out a course outline for something I could offer to teach at the university's night school in Continuing Education.

The "NZ Listener" refused pointblank to publish my letter criticising their review of the Posner/Groden books. I have had a letter back from Patrick Ensor, editor of "The Guardian Weekly", explaining why they would not print my letter. I must copy it for you, he says in essence that that the Guardian does not buy into any conspiracy theories, and that is that. I do not recall proposing any conspiracy theories, I merely pointed out how inappropriate it was for their correspondent in Dallas to assume Oswald the lone assassin, given the continuing scepticism most Americans hold on that question. I also suggested that the uncritical enthusiasm shown by the international news media for Posner's book may in itself be something worth investigating.

I am still waiting for my copy of John Newman's book, ordered many many weeks ago. It must be coming from the States by sea.

One thing I noticed somewhere quickly going through Gerald McKnight's handout, that JFK had had a sophisticated tape recorder system installed in the White House, and that it was dismantled on the afternoon of the 22nd November 1963, and that the tapes covering the fourteen days prior to the assassination have vanished. Who would have ordered the removal of the tape recorders and their microphones so soon after the assassination? Why? Do you know?

It is late here, and I must soon off to bed. I think of you often as I continue to think through the meaning of what happened in Dallas on 22nd November 1963, and its aftermath. Sometimes the implications are so profound I lose my way, it just gets too hard to follow, either that or I get goose pimples on my neck and I feel uneasy about what I am beginning to realise and understand. I can see why you have given so much of your life to the struggle, to discover what was hidden, and to open the eyes of other people (like me) to the significance of the assassination and what happened after.

With best wishes to you and to Lil, I hope you are both happy and well, and that your weather soon warms up (next week is the official start of our Autumn).

with love,
Jan

RECOMMENDED READING

Introduction to the assassination issues:

Who Killed JFK?

Oglesby, Carl

Reference material:

The Official Warren Commission
Report on the Assassination of
Pres. John Kennedy

Report of the Select Committee
on Assassinations, U.S. House of
Representatives, : The Final
Assassination Report

Outstanding works on the JFK assassination:

Conspiracy or the Kennedy
Conspiracy

Summers, Anthony

The JFK Assassination: The Facts
and the Theories

Oglesby, Carl

6 Seconds in Dallas

Thompson, Josiah

Legend: The Secret World of Lee
Harvey Oswald

Epstein, Edward J.

Plausible Denial

Lane, Mark

The Man Who Knew Too Much

Russell, Dick

First Hand Knowledge: How I
Participated in the CIA-Mafia
Murder of Pres. Kennedy

Morrow, Robert

Destiny Betrayed

DiEugenio, James

Mafia Kingfish: Carlos Marcello &
the Assassination of John F.
Kennedy

Davis, John H.

High Treason

Groden, Robert &
Livingstone, Harrison

Shattering the Warren Report:

Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?

Joesten, Joachim

Accessories After the Fact

Meagher, Sylvia

Rush to Judgment

Lane, Mark

Inquest

Epstein, Edward J.

Presumed Guilty

Roffman, Howard

Whitewash

Weisberg, Harold

Photographic Whitewash

Weisberg, Harold

Coverup

Shaw, Gary

The House Assassinations Committee:

The Plot to Kill the President:
Organised Crime Assassinated
JFK

Blakey, G. Robert

The Medical Evidence:

Best Evidence
JFK: Conspiracy of Silence

Lifton, David
Crenshaw, Charles

The Mafia Connection:

Contract on America: the Mafia
murder of President John F.
Kennedy

Schiem, David E.

The Ruby Cover-up

Kantor, Seth

The CIA-Mafia Link

Ashman, Charles

Spy Agencies & Lee Harvey Oswald:

Spy Saga: Oswald and U.S.
Intelligence

Melanson, Philip

Oswald in New Orleans: Case for
Conspiracy and the CIA

Weisberg, Harold

Spy activities:

Armies of Ignorance
The CIA and the Cult of
Intelligence
KGB: The Secret Work of Soviet
Secret Agents

Corson, William R.
Marchetti, Victor

The Man Who Kept the Secrets
Spooks

Powers, Thomas
Hougan, Jim

The Secret Team
Secret Contenders

Prouty, L. Fletcher
Beck, Melvin

The Invisible Government:

The Invisible Government
The Espionage Establishment
The Praetorian Guard: U.S. Role
in the New World Order
The Real Terror Network
The Culture of Terrorism

Wise, David
Wise, David
Stockwell, John
Herman, Edward
Chomsky, Noam

The Garrison Prosecution:

On the Trail of the Assassins: My
Investigation and Prosecution of
the Murder of President Kennedy

Garrison, Jim

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Why Kennedy was Killed:

J.F.K.

JFK and Vietnam

Beyond Conspiracy: The Hidden Dimensions of the JFK Assassination

Motivation Behind the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Prouty, L. Fletcher

Newman, John

Scott, Peter Dale

Morrow, Robert

Real American History

The Pentagon Papers

The War Years (1939 - 1945)

The Hidden History of the Korean War

The Truman Era

In a Time of Torment

The Haunted Fifties

Polemics and Prophecies

The War Years (1939 - 1945)

The Cointelpro Papers

Who Killed Martin Luther King?

A Bright and Shining Lie

Endless Enemies

The Crimes of Patriots

A People's History of the United States

Stone, I. F.

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Ward, Churchill

Ray, James Earl

Sheehan, Neil

Kwitney, Johnathan

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Zinn, Jack

The Media

Beyond Hypocrisy: Decoding the News In an Age of Propaganda

Inventing Reality

Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in the Media

Necessary Illusions: Thought Control in Democratic Societies

Manufacturing Consent

The Media Monopoly

The News at Any Cost

Herman, Edward

Parenti, Michael

Lee, Martin & Soloman, Norman

Chomsky, Noam

Chomsky, Noam & Herman, Edward

Bagdikian, Benjamin

Goldstein, Tom