

Auckland, 24/04/94

Dear Harold

Your last letter, with photo, arrived on Friday (22nd April), and I was pleasantly surprised by the gift of the photograph. Harold, I feel very honoured to have the photograph of you and Lil, it is as I am sure know, a very warm and touching photo. Thank you too for the inscription, I shall always treasure it. I will copy the photo (not the dedication) as it may come in handy one day as an illustration for other articles touching on the assassination that I can relate to you and your work.

I am having lunch with Donna Chisholm next week, and I am going to ask her for some advice on how best to get another piece on the assassination into The Sunday Star-Times. The "Sunday Star" has merged with the "Sunday Times" to form a new national Sunday paper, "The Sunday Star-Times". In the merger Jenny Wheeler left to become editor of a glossy monthly magazine and Donna Chisholm is now deputy editor of the new paper. She tells me she is still very interested in the meaning of the assassination. I must ask her which books she has been reading, if any. And if not, why not?

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Monday morning: I went to bed early last night because I was getting up at 4.30am this morning with my daughter to attend the Anzac Dawn Service at the Auckland Cenotath. The 25th of April is the official day in Australia and New Zealand of mourning and remembrance for our war dead. The day has great significance in the two countries, marking the anniversary of the landing on 25th April 1915 by Australian and New Zealand troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The slaughter that followed was almost beyond description, I will not labour the point as I am sure you will be familiar with this military disaster.

I enclose a copy of the letter I have just written to David Wrone. I appreciate his writing to me, and I like his ideas. They match pretty closely what I intended doing, but it is good to be reassured by somebody like him. I would still like to read through his syllabus, more so for my own learning than to use them as teaching material. When I know him a little better I will ask him again for some of his course content.

You will see in my letter to David Wrone I have asked him for hard information to counter David Lifton's theories. Anything else you can add to what you have already written will be much appreciated too. Unfortunately I did not understand most of your references to Lifton in your last letter- for instance I

Do you know it? Don is importing a copy from the States and had had good reports of it.

do not know anything about the 'cop' you refer to, or about the 'Livingstone' you also mention. I do not have a copy of Lifton's book so I cannot go to it and check the index to see if 'Livingstone' is mentioned in the text. As I said in my letter to David Wrone, everything I feel comfortable accepting as fact in this matter points to Lifton's theory being utterly impossible. Enough said, my request for more information merely reflects a feeling that I may be called on to rebut Lifton's theories one day.

What news of NEVER AGAIN? I look forward to reading it, soon. I am not sure what the present situation is regarding its publication. Donna Chisholm will almost certainly ask me about it when we meet for that lunch - I promised her I would lend her my copy, and I will when I have one!

Thank you for the copies of the papers from your FOIA action that includes the FBI admission that they could not put up anybody with as much knowledge of the assassination as you had. That says a lot. You had told me of this before, but it is good to have it in its original context. Thanks.

I also enclose a copy of two items in last week's Sunday-Star Times, I am sure the piece referring to Richard Russell will catch your eye. I wonder if the original item as it came over the wire mentioned who Richard Russell was, and why it was so significant then that Russell shared with President Johnson a disbelief in the single bullet theory. I must ask Donna.

I was talking on the phone to Don Craig last night and mentioned I would be writing to you. He asked me to tell you his father had worked under Admiral Moore, he said you would know something of Moore.

Thank you for arranging a copy of CASE OPEN to be sent to me. If it becomes available in NZ I shall certainly get a review on it into the "NZ Herald". On that point, I have a couple of new JFK titles to collect from Jack Leigh to review. I do not know the books, he was quite vague when I spoke to him last (he says he gets "boxes" of review copies from publishers). I will try to pick them up in the next week.

My work on setting out the proposal for the JFK courses to be offered through the Centre for Continuing Education can proceed now that I have received David Wrone's letter. I was talking to a good friend of mine who heads the educational division of MacMillan Publishers in NZ recently and he said they could be interested in a history textbook for senior High School dealing with the JFK Assassination along the lines of what I intend covering in the CCE course.

I am posting a copy of the calender featuring Maori artefacts to you and Lil, I am sure you will appreciate having it.

Bye for now, with love and best wishes to you both,
Aad.

Ps - Don Craig asked me if I knew of a book by Peter Dale Scott entitled "Deep Politics and the Death of JFK"