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Dear Dal,

Lil and I both enjoyed your letter and respect how much better you are down there in trying to be of help to your native peoples. I am sure Wrone and McKnight will want to know and I'll give both copies.

I'll write to Graf in the event Publishers Group West does not want to bother. Not that I have reason to believe that, however.

I'll probably have to leave this for tomorrow because I'm tired and it was a little demonstration of caring that contributed to the tiredness.

I was having a root canal job done by our family dentist. He told me in advance it would be difficult if not impossible. He got half done and could not get into the other half of the root. His next-door building mate is a dentist who specialize in micro-dentistry and he could squeeze me in. He did all he had to do to get ready and then told me to come back. He put a temporary filling in. Yesterday part of it came out, leaving a sharp edge. He was in Baltimore! And our dentist is closed Fridays. So I phoned and left a message on his machine and ask if he could squeeze me in Monday. No office Saturday. He returned the call when I was asleep and hearing that there was a sharp edge that could cut me a little asked Lil if I could be at his office at 9 this morning! He drove 15 miles on his day off just to see me and see what he could do. He took care of the sharp edge. And then he went to mow someones lawn. Real nice guy. We like him. More than we can say for some, alas. I was actually dunned by the office of the orthopaedic surgeon for what they know is covered by insurance. They even asked me could I give them \$5 a week! I asked when they sent the bill to the insurance company and was told less than two weeks earlier!

I see your point on Best Evidence. When we are up to it we'll be going to that bookstore. Better we were not able to because Lil has an added discount coupon now.

I call the local ^{Walden Books} Walden chain store. They have the Report but the clerk did not know whether it was the official printing done commercially. I'll have to check. Most of the old ones are not. Edward Hamilton, a remainder-seller in Connecticut is remaindering the St. Martin's edition but I know nothing about it. If you get one from Last Hurrah be sure to ask if it is identical for the other person who gets the other copy. It is not only my work that cites to the official ^{to a} print. Not version. They are all ^{to the official} that version. Like Meagher, for example. I think I told you ^{Hamilton is} they are remaindering the Vintage reprint.

If you would like any of Fast's historical novels I can pick them up ^{as available} there. Wrone got a ^{black} kid who would not read to read Fast's Freedom Road, on the Reconstruction period. The kid reads now, at least that. And is to give it to another on the same deal.

Fast is a talented and prolific man who has been quite faithful to our history and did

best work when he was a Communist. For which he went to jail. His autobiography, ^Being Red, Hamilton is also remaindering. After reading it I got copies for Wrono and McKnight. The Wrones found it a fine book and a remarkable story. ^He never finished high school. ^Had to support his family. And what a gift with words, despite that.

Lesar is the same way with me, alas. ^I hope they have saved his left eye. We will not know until he has to speak to ^Hil about his taxes, on which he got an extension.

That is a great Bob Hawke story. Who ran the country under Reagan? I think most likely the ghost of George III. Reagan was running it into the ground, with Bush to carry one and Clinton unable to think of how to change direction.

Fox's book was a quickie

Legend did not begin as that book or with that title. James Jesus Angleton took Epstein over and changed the book, which meant a new title, and it is crazy as hell. In accord with the very rightist views of both and with Angleton's paranoia. He was a disaster in ever view and for each of the possible sides inside the CIA. Which has been rather lucky in being able to blame all that went wrong on him once he was dead.

Groden is a thief and he cannot be trusted not to have touched the pictures up. ^He uses other people's pictures as his own, for example, and he is a subject-matter idiot. ^He likes fairy tales.

The back of the head was not blown out. If you can have access to the PBS use of it for the 30th anniversary I'm told that is the clearest version of the Z film. Shortly after the fatal head shot as JFK wheels toward Jackie just before falling over, you can see the back of the head. It is intact. Not even a trace of blood. Nor is there on the clearly visible shirt collar in back. I've heard most of the stories alleging faking and none makes any sense. These would-be Sherlock Holmes do not go back to Occam. They complicate it. There have for some years been questions about Groden, including of ethics. When he was young he did his first work for me and had no guaddiose ideas. Now he lives off it it.

It is possible that Kellerman got a set. ^I have a set of black-and-whites that originate with the SS photographer, the Fox in PM. He let someone have them and that someone made a copy for me. I've hardly more than glanced at them, mostly at the one of the back. The SS did not then have color processing capability. They had that done at the Navy Lab. If in the Groden pictures there is a matte line, I'm inclined to believe he put it there. Those kinds of fabrications have been Groden's living for years. It was to be able to use some of them that Crazy Harry Livingstone made him a coauthor of a book Livingstone wrote. Now they are enemies, suing each other.

John Newman's work is great but he wants a name for himself of it and is sharing none of it. It took me more than six months to get back what ^I loaned him and then he gave me a copy other than the Commission copy of the Rankin memo from which ^I learned the actual number Hudkins assigned to Oswald. Not S-172, which he told me he made up because he was sure of FBI wiretaps. That is not an FBI number anyway. It is 110669, and that is con-

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sistent with CIA numbers. There is a woman I've ~~not~~ heard from in a while who is working in the same area. She told me ^WNeman is passing off as his own work what she loaned him. But she has been too busy for me to hear from her for a while. ~~Then~~ as in the past she'll ^{phone} phone when she can and we'll talk. If you have any friends who want his Vietnam book, Hamilton is remaining it, too. Tells you what the state of publishing is here when I've not heard of any paperback reprint of it. When ^{the}Newmans were here for Thanksgiving dinner last ~~year~~ year he had already found records reflecting early CIA interest in Oswald, three prior to the establishing of the ^{CIA}201, personality-profile file. But he has ~~yet~~ to give me a single page of anything ^{he}he's found. I am, however, confident of the book he'll do.

Yes, many more pages to be disclosed. I doubt if the law alone will get them all out. But there will be no assassination smoking gun. That was avoided by all.

There was that ID of the Mauser but I think it was an honest mistake and Occam would not like that line. ~~It~~ makes no sense. The M-C was planted to be found.

Odd that you should ask about Marina. She's phoned me only infrequently. Years ago I invited her, Porter and her girls up to go over whatever they wanted and she did not. She phoned yesterday and we spoke for an hour and a half. She said she'd been afraid of me. So you can imagine what she'd been told. She does not believe that Lee did it. She did confirm that he was anti-Soviet within the USSR.

She knows nothing because there is nothing for her to know. She has been taken advantage of. She is inclined to believe that Lee had some kind of intelligence connection but not for money, which he never had. All the nuts have left her confused and the social pressures have gotten ^{to} to the girls. One of whom has children. I suggested that she has no way of knowing which if any are for real and that she use as a test if they theorize a solution. ~~Have~~ nothing to do with them. And that is about all of them. But I think she yearns and hopes to learn something from one of them. As in the past, when she learned nothing of any consequence that was true.

If I think or more I'll add it in the morning when I read and correct this. 9/11. I wrote Marina at some length first thing this morning. If you want the address for Meagher or other remainders, Edward ^{R.} Hamilton, Bookseller, Falls Village, CT 06031-5000. Domestically there is an added \$3 charge regardless of the size of the order. We've gotten good buys from him but the catalogue takes too much time for me. ~~It~~ goes over it. Fast's Being Red is a good read and an excellent commentary on the times. He is my age. He was blacklisted for a ~~while~~ while but his talent is such I'm sure he is quite well off. Many of his books, like Spartacus, made movies. ...Same ribbon. Different part.

our love
Harold