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Dear Harold

I hope that by the time you read this the Hui sweatshirts and the mugs have arrived safely. Your letter posted 7th October reached here on Wednesday 12th October, only five days, that is good time. Thank YOU for your very full and interesting letter.

Unfortunately I am not going to be able to fully answer your letter today, this weekend Chris launched us into a frenzy of spring cleaning that seems to have taken us over. I have sort of sneaked away with a cup of tea to get this written for you. This brief letter will be mainly about books.

Thanks for getting me the copy of the Walden edition of the Warren Report, that is really great. And magnificent news too that David Wrono has a copy of Howard Roffman's book to send me. I will write to thank him, and ask him how much I owe him. I must get hold of a well researched book here I feel he would find interesting, tracing the historical relationship between various governments in NZ and the indigenous Maori people. I'll send it to him as a gift. Thank you for finding the copy of Lifton's book too. Now, about a copy of "Robert Kennedy and His Times"- yes, I would very much like to have it but cannot see I will have time to read it for a good while. Do I owe you any money now for books and postage? Please tell me.

You will see from my list to "The Last Hurrah" that I have left off Jim Marrs' **CROSSFIRE**, if it is anything like as poor as you say it is I do not want to waste my time reading it. Somehow I had the idea it was one of the earlier works that had some merit.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to "The Last Hurrah". If they can fill my shopping list I shall be well set up for next year. It will keep me busy reading too! I found a hardback copy of Epstein's "Inquest" here last week, in a large second hand bookshop, a real surprise as I thought it was a hard to find one. I read it over the past few days and nights and was impressed, gave me an insight into the workings of the Commission (and its members) I had not had before. I am certainly going to use Epstein next year.

I phoned Don Craig this morning, he said he will write to you with what he can remember of his father's comments on his naval days. It seemed from what Don told me this morning just speaking generally there were some very right wing people in the US Navy back in the 1960's. Don said his father was posted to some office in the Atlantic Command based in Norfolk Virginia under this Admiral (Moore?) who apparently was involved in Watergate later. I know nothing at all of this myself, so I'll let Don tell you in his own words. I must away soon. I was reminded when I saw your reference to Abba Eban- I met him in 1967, just briefly, and he would not recall me. He was on a world trip in the wake of the Six Day war, and he was staying in a big hotel where I had a part-time job at nights serving in a bar. (I was doing some Masters papers in History then, and the bar work was extra income for me as a student.) Abba Eban shook my hand, and exchanged only about a dozen words with me, but I recall he was a very impressive man.

Bye for now, with love to you both, Dan.