

Dear Val,

3/19/95

Jerry was to have come this morning with the duplicated disks and I've not heard from him. My sister, brother-in-law and their son and grandson were due more than 45 minutes ago. I see they've just pulled in. ....

McKnight did not come but I presume he will soon when he has the free time. I'll then mail the disk to you, confident this time you'll have no trouble getting it printed.

Jerry is an extraordinarily conscientious professor. In addition, he is trying to put the finishing touches on a book on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last campaign, for the poor people of all races, the one he did not live to lead to its end.

In thinking of who might get interested in Waketh, as from time to time I have, there was an odd coincidence. I heard from a friend I'd lost track of years ago, a writer who became an exceptionally successful commercial photographer. Unless one of his exploits attracted the attention of your peace groups down there you've had no occasion to hear of him. For most of my work in New Orleans I stayed with him. When I was last there he was preparing for a real adventure. He is now five times a grandfather

but his boy and girl were then about eight and ten. He had bought a 31-foot boat and was preparing to take them on a sail to Africa. Self-trained for that, and it lasted three years and required surviving three hurricanes and other storms, he became a proficient navigator. On his return, to California no less, he became a Greenpeace navigator. His book ended when they got to the Africa mainland but after reading the copy he sent me I was reminded that from California he had navigated a Greenpeace ship into a nuclear test area in the Pacific islands at the time of a test. That made me think of the Greenpeace ship destroyed in your harbor. And that reminded me of the position your government and I presume many if not most of your people then took. And that led me to wonder if there could be some interest there in what Waketh says. As you'll see, it uses what is public domain and little known in addressing who in the JFK assassination and the motive, means and opportunity. It does not say that the military-industrial-intelligence complex, my long-ago amplification of Eisenhower's military-industrial complex, did the dirty deed but it makes a case of that. In the course of doing that, at less length than was possible and without using some of the excellent sources available, like The Best and the Brightest, it draws together as I do not know of ever having been done the military's record of opposing what JFK's policies were and how this complex was able to frustrate him and put its own policies in place.

As you will also see in NEVER AGAIN! I started in that direction in 1992, in writing, long after the thinking (which really began in 1962, another story), especially in the chapter "Was There a Military Conspiracy?" I had that ms. done shortly after Thanksgiving in 1992, had expected it to be published in early 1993, wrote an Epilogue and the Afterword when it was not published then. It was almost done for a year when I began Case Open.

anyway, I wonder<sup>d</sup> whether you might have some book publishers there who are believers in peace being the world's need and who could be interested or whether, if I recall correctly, you have a British publisher specializing in military affairs who might be.

When you see ~~Waketh~~ <sup>NEVER AGAIN</sup> I think you'll share my wonder over its long delay and why when ~~it~~ it could have had such an impact on the awful stuff that appeared months after it could have, what/desecrated the 30th assassination anniversary, it was so long delayed.

And then why most of Case Open was eliminated in publication, what you've not had a chance to read yet, I suppose. What was butchered out of it is a book that has not been written by anyone and on such a subject should be an important book.

It is because of these experiences that I have not offered Gallen Waketh. Repeating those experiences would be a bit much for me now.

Had it not been for my physical limitations I would have <sup>continued</sup> ~~considered~~ self publication but when I sent the ~~neg~~ negatives of Post Mortem, shot in Washington, to the Wisconsin printer, the pain in which I was then put me in the hospital with my first thrombosis.

And then I was tied up in all that litigation, which ground to a halt with further and more serious medical problems.

I've made a few suggestions for attracting attention to NEVER AGAIN! and I've not had even an acknowledgement of them! So, as best I can, I'm trying to figure out how I may be able to do that when I do not dare make a trip to Washington to hold a press conference. I've asked four to do that for me. One has declined. He is a radiologist whose study of the Kennedy autopsy X-rays confirms me on there having been two shots to the head. He wants the first attention to that to be in a professional journal. One of the others has agreed and likes the idea very much. I've not yet heard from the other two. We can limp along on the one. After the book is on the shelves.

If the book does well, that may change the publisher attitude. I am inclined to believe, not having been told a thing, that it is the reception Case Open got, without a ~~any~~ <sup>review</sup> single ad or promotion, that got NEVER AGAIN! going again. I am still getting mail from Case Open, after a year, and that is surprising. It means that some stores still have it on the shelves, with all the ~~compete~~ competition for shelf space.

The indications are that much less was eliminated. And they are, from the indications I have, correcting typos and making some of the other corrections I've made in the editing and some rewriting that introduced factual error. One thing I had underwritten, intending to, was underwritten even more. That was tying LBJ into the conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself. What a series of documents I have to give the press on that in a press conference! The publisher had no interest in using them in the book.

It will not be easy to overcome the major media refusal to pay serious attention to serious writing about the JFK assassination but I hope that with a press conference the competitive situation may lead to a little of it.

Particularly because it should now be clear to most mature and sophisticated minds that there is a purposeful drive to make ours into an openly authoritarian society. I do get into that in Waketh and in the Epilogue, for which I now have nobody to do the re-typing, I go into the first three weeks of it in the Congressional session. I had <sup>the work</sup> ~~that~~ done done before the election.

I've been thinking and speaking of him as Gingler and I've always referred to his phony Contract with America as his Contract on America. Our government has always had an official Contract with America. It is our Constitution.

The Assassination Records Release Board had no trouble getting the retyped and not quite complete Hoax, which became Case Open, printed out. A dear friend who is a lawyer also has had it done commercially. If you still have not been able to get that done, may I suggest that you write William Heichter, 1513 Lyndon Lane, #115, Louisville, KY 40222 and ask him how he got it done?

When I learn, without having to take the page-by-page time myself, where the re-typing ends I'll either see if I can get the rest retyped or will send copies of the unretyped rough draft.

I'll be reading and correcting this in haste because McKnight has no classes today (3/26) and if he is not tied up on his own work may bring me the disks.

I hope your long silence is not indicative of any serious problems.

Best,

*Harold*

The Greenpeace navigator friend I failed to identify is Matt Herron. He was also arrested in a protest against the slaughter of baby seals in the North Atlantic, I think near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, by the Canadian government. That was after the Greenpeace ship was forcibly removed from the nuclear test area.