

Dear Dal,

3/24/95

Your 3/19, postmarked 3/20, here today in remarkably good time. And it and the other mail was brought to the house by Jerry McKnight, who is here working away in the basement right now. Some years ago I encouraged him to get the FBI's records on its interference with King's last project, his Poor Peoples Campaign. He did what I regard as an excellent job only to have a couple of peer review visualize an entirely different book. Rather than contest that, as I would have very pointedly, he decided to go along with some of it. And I have six or seven linear feet of possibly useful records.

I'm a bit more tired than usual today so first what I recall from your letter.

You can get some inexpensive transcribing machines for those minature cassettes. Before I decided to do a bok on Posner I got one, intending to dictate comments as I read but never used it because I almost immediately decided to do the book. Not quite immediately but before I got to doing any dictating. The transcribers have a number of advantages, especially the foot control. Mine, a Panasonic, was about \$200 with both a speaker and headphones.

I do not now recall why I did not get back to making a fuller response to that letter. Probably because I forgot.

If you stop and think about it RECONSTRUCTION is essentially what I suggested to you in suggesting you do as I did in WW and inviting you to feel free to do that. Use it, that is. You'll find some amplification in what was butchered from Case Open. If you ever get it printed. Bill Meichter, who had it done, will be here in two weeks. I wrote and suggested to you that if you have not been able to get it done to ask him of Gerry Ginocchio. I think you'll also find more in NEVER AGAIN! The approach fits and works well because it permits updates. I think you'll also find it will make the writing easier and comprehension greater, fuller.

Do you think you can interest Chisholm in doing two stories, first on the rejection and then on the content? ^{and then} get a reporter to sit in on the sessions and report on them when the course gets going? She can that way have a full account of the alleged reasons, giving the univ. stuffed shirts space for all they say, and then make them look like what they are.

My bronchitis is chronic. No fever, no medication, no cure.

It just happens that before he got the mail McKnight and I were talking about what he says he'll send. He is into too much and does not keep up all the time. I think he said he'll send two copies. But I may be wrong on that.

May I encourage you to have an appendix with the book? People love to see those documents and if the publisher decides against them it will be impressive to him. I had no answer from Gallen when I suggested that he hold a press conference because travel is not safe for me and give the media copies of pictures and documents. The documents include a prima facie case of Johnson joining the Katzenbach/Hoover ^{conspiracy} not to investigate

the crime itself! Moyers phoned Johnson about 9 p.m. 11/24. Johnson phoned Hoover about five minutes later and then Katzenbach about five minutes after that. I do not think he was looking for a weather ~~report~~ report. Too understatedly after the editing that is how NEVER AGAIN! begins. See what I mean about updates? And I'd understated it too much given its nature.

I've mailed the disk of Waketh and you ^{will} see how I did less than was possible with the motive means and opportunity pointing at the military-industrial-intelligence complex. I went no ^{higher} ~~higher~~ in the hierarchy than those directly involved. I did no conjecturing. And because we have no way of knowing, bear in mind the possibility it was only some, a cabal. But I do give the joint chiefs the motive.

Be careful with Prouty's opinions, as distinguished from his fact. In Secret Armies he had Ellsberg leaking The Pentagon Papers on behalf of the CIA! Fletch is a nice guy and we ~~love~~ like him, without regard for his connections with the guy who published what he expected to be the American Mein Kampf, the Willis Carto who is our leading Holocaust denier and most prominent native fascist. The ~~so~~ so-called Institute for Historical research and the Noontide Press are his. He used Jews who permit it and thus avoids or seeks to avoid being regarded as an ^{anti} ~~anti~~ Semite.

I think it more likely that McG Bundy was behind the revision of the NSAM than behind the assassination.

As I recall, I named names when there was a reason to. The fact points directly at Galloway and the Navy. I think you'll find some of the Afterword on NEVER AGAIN! interesting on this.

After I finished Waketh, which was before the election, and when the ⁴ retyping was delayed, with Gingler becoming Speaker and de facto leader, I began an ⁴ epilogue that is not retyped. But it is to point to the beginning of a more overtly authoritarian society, which is well ⁴ begun. I used public accounts of the first three weeks. I'm clipping the Wash Post on this for scholars of the future, to give them a beginning of seeing it as I do and I think will be amply confirmed and helping them direct their own studies. It is not retyped and I have nobody to retype it now anyway. But it would have to be open-ended anyway.

I'll ask the woman who retyped Senator Russell Dissents if she did that on a separate disk. If she did I'll get it and send you a copy. If not I'll ask her if she can make one or more. This relates to the single-bullet theory, page 19 of the Report representing the deception of both Russell and Cooper. Maybe also Boggs from what Russell told me. I think you may want to use that in the reconstruction, central as that is.

Gerry Ginocchio confirms my fear that the insertions I sent to New York were not inserted where they should have been. Be alert to this when you read the unpublished part of Case Open. I think you ^{will} be able to draw heavily on it with what you have in mind.

He hasn't gotten very far in reading it, what was not published that is, but he's agreed to note those things and make suggestions as to where they should go. I'll not take ^{time} them for that but I'll send you what he says and I'll file when he sends with the manuscript. I think he'll be able to pinpoint where that retyping ended and maybe by then I'll be able to get the rest retyped.

Unless the printer is overloaded and the indexer takes forever they should be able to have NEVER AGAIN! manufactured soon. I was to have heard a week ago, this past Tuesday if there were any more questions about the corrections I made on the page proofs. Having heard nothing I presume they had none. That could mean that the corrections have all been made. If they had the ~~2~~ indexer working on the page proofs the changes made not a bit of difference ~~in~~ in the index so that need not cause any delay. Which means it is not impossible that the presses could be rolling now. But I have no information.

Andy at The Last Hurrah told me he has your order for it. You may have it before I can send one! Last time I got about a half-dozen and more about three weeks later.

As I said about Waketh, there is in this book what might be of interest to your peace people. Including the chapter, Was There a Military Conspiracy? (See how Waketh is the sequel? Even though other than the Epilogue and the Afterword NEVER AGAIN! was finished before Xmas, 1992.)

If we do not get talking about the records McKnight is going over when he comes up I'll try to remember to ask him what he'll be sending and when. And I suggest if I may that when you read them you make notes of what you think would be usable for an appendix. You'll know in any event what you may want to use in the writing and can show the publisher. Bear in mind the possibility of the US market, which has no such books for school-age and there are many complaints about the treatment of the assassination in the history books. Or perhaps ~~consider~~ consider the possibility of an appendix volume. Decent schools should have to be able to show such documents to growing minds. In translation there might well be other countries where such a text could be liked, especially in Europe.

Quite a bit of my time has been taken lately in getting after the Assassination Records Review Board. I see them as lost, as not knowing what they are doing and doing it anyway, and as covering their ass by listening to all the nuts so they can say, when they fail, that they listened to all who asked to be heard. If they have yet done anything worthwhile I've not heard of it.

I think I got started above on the press conference I proposed to ^{Calen} and he ignored. If I did not finish that, I asked two others besides those I come to to hold it in Washington for me. They've agreed. When you come to the transcript of Chip Selby's interview of Dr. Dolce, who you may remember from Post Mortem, he's agreed to show what I quoted. Lesar, who handled my FOIA litigation, will give pictures and documents out. After publication. Now for the other mail. Love and good luck!

Harold

Jerry is full of apologies and promises to get the manual and ^{what} ~~was~~ he offered to add, his prospecture, sent Monday or Tuesday. More likely Tuesday unless he has to go to Hood anyway. He has no classes Monday. I suggested air because of the long delay. He'll try to get the ~~k~~ cheapest rate for that.

He had a productive afternoon in the files of the official whitewashing outfit of the Justice Department, misnamed The Office of Professional Responsibility. He will use what they did not in their report on the FBI's mistreatment of King.

He had the copy of the manual made some time ago but never got around to ending it. Absent-minded professor!

University of Kansas is interested in it.

What I read some time ago is excellent. It will now be stronger and better and years later.

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