

Auckland, 9th April 1995

Dear Harold

Thank you for being at home and taking my call this morning. It was great to hear your voice again, and to get the answers that you usually make sound so simple and logical.

I am sorry if I sounded a bit rushed this morning. I know I cut you off a few times, but I am very aware of the \$\$\$ cost calling you on the phone. I expect there may be more calls before 8th May and the conference, so I could be looking at a hefty phone bill for April and May. When I phone you I always have a list of things to ask you in one hand and my eye keeps running over this list as I am talking to you. I am mindful I need to get through the things on the list before the call goes on too long.

THANK YOU for the letters I have received over the past week. I have read them all carefully, more carefully than usual. Suffice to say I feel very supported and enriched by your letters. I will not answer them in detail here, though I shall probably come back to them in a letter I shall write over Easter while I am drafting out my address to the AHTA conference. On either the Tuesday or Wednesday after Easter I shall FAX you a draft copy of my address and an accompanying letter that will contain questions on things I may need to clarify with you. If you receive my FAX on either of those dates, 19th or 20th April, it should give you enough time to read through my address and look at any questions and get an answer back to me before the conference. I think I shall probably phone you around the weekend of the 21/23 April just to make sure I will have time to correct any errors.

I shall also send you a draft copy of the questionnaire about the book I intend handing out at the conference, though it will be in rough outline form only and I will not have seen Chris Chittenden until the week before the conference.

You know it is only just really dawning on me that it does not matter whether there are ~~still~~ another one million or two million documents on the assassination still to be disgorged by the archives for public research. The questions that everybody would like to know the answers to will not be there. Again I come back to the realisation of just how significant it is that the crime was not properly investigated. Given the direction the investigation took, assuming Oswald was the assassin, it does not matter how many records were generated by the agencies carrying out this 'investigation'. You will not find the answers in these hitherto unreleased official documents. They are not there. What one may find is some evidence of the cover up, and/or some evidence of the complicity of individuals or agencies in the cover up.

I cannot even begin to tell you how hectic my life has become, but that is the reason this letter is not much longer than it is. As you can imagine, there are suddenly many things I would like to talk over with you, but I simply do not have the time. Our home is now on the market and that involves us keeping the house and yard spic and span and ready for the people who come through looking through the house. I have the deadline of the AHTA

conference ahead of me, and an Easter deadline to get my draft to you. I have a meeting of the national executive of the Transition Education and Training Association to chair on the 22nd April. Because the government is looking to change the staffing formula under which careers and vocational guidance time is given to educational institutions I am having to cope with a heavy volume of mail that keeps coming to me on this subject. Over the next week I have to write reports on all the students who have been spending time with me so far this year, and to do that I have to consult with other colleagues who referred them to me in the first place. It is a drawn out process consuming sheafs of paper.

All it takes is a little planning, and setting priorities. I am fortunate to have a supportive and sympathetic wife who steps in to help me at times like this. And all the normal routines of our lives go on, as parents and teachers and neighbours. Chris (my wife) is busy too, she has a part-time job three days a week and then goes to school two nights a week doing a diploma course in linguistics.

I am glad at last I look like getting a good audience to share some of the things I have learned from you with. Harold, I know how much I owe you. My debt is such I could never hope to repay you. You answered my letters and my endless questions, and slowly I came to understand some great truths about the assassination and its investigation. I feel I have learnt something of great significance and importance. It has changed my life, or at least it has changed the way I look at my life as a member of the human race on this planet. However by taking the understanding I have come to know -through your help, your guidance, and your teaching -and sharing it with other people (especially teachers) who can in their turn share it with others, I know I am using my knowledge and understanding as you would want me to.

I will drop Bill Neichter a brief line to say 'Thanks' for the advice on how to protect the WPC disc. I need to write to David Wrone also to check it will be okay to copy and distribute at the conference some of the material he has sent me.

I look forward to hearing from you. Whatever happens I am going to be more than a little nervous when I stand up on the podium on the 8th of May, but I will do all I can to be prepared and I will be taking your ideas with me.

Much love and thanks,

Paul

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