

Dear Mr. Hurt,

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While Epstein is far from my only gripe about the Digest, it makes no difference and I'll help you in any way I can. Mine has become a public function. I help those with whom I disagree - with few exceptions - whenever I can.

Because I don't know what you believe, who knows, we may not disagree.

If Bud didn't tell you, the major problem with use of my files is their great volume. The FBI's estimate of its records is over a third of a million pages. And I have other records.

However, once I was able to get a decent copier I began a subject file of duplicates.

I've kept all copies of official records exactly as I've received them because all are going to a university archive.

There is an ^{index} ~~book~~ of the Dallas main files for about two years. I have it. It can be used to locate most disclosed records - all of Dallas's and some of FBIHQ's. (First two years.)

Before you get too far into your project, if it entails any theorizing I strongly encourage you to try it out on me. If I can support it, I will. If I can undermine it, I think you'd want to know how and with what.

I don't intend to coal Newcastle, but if you are not aware of it, believe me, the major flaw of the official investigations is that they were not and were not intended to be investigations of the crime itself.

You need not fear that I'll steal anything from you. Not only wouldn't I - but my next book will be on the King assassination, and I'm not yet ready to begin it.

After that I do plan one on Oswald.

Until the weather moderates I spend mornings until about 11 walking in a nearby mall. Doctor's orders. However, I can skip it or return earlier.

Otherwise, I'm home most of the time.

Lifton is working on a new book. I know nothing else about it. Nothing in the book he is still promoting is original with him except the totally untenable theory. No matter what he has misstated in support of it. It is impossible. He knows of total disproofs he just ignored.

Good luck and best wishes,