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Dear Jerry:

Your letter came at a good time today, as I was preparing a package for Dave Wrone. I am sending you the same thing, which I sent Harold Weisberg last week.

This includes a better copy of the Cooper letter. These papers were recently received by the Univ. of Kentucky from Sen. Cooper's law firm in Washington. The single bullet letter was in this collection.

Bill Cooper is the archivist at the University of Kentucky, and did the oral history of Sen. Cooper (no relation). He was the expert on the Senator and the Warren Commission, until I came along! We get along very well, and he has been very good at encouraging me. Bill has always been shocked that of all the books written on the subject, no one ever did any serious research in the Cooper archive. When I arrived, it was weird, like they had been waiting for me for 20 years. Since I became involved, and Bill was able to sweet talk the Senator's brother Dick and the law firm out of this material and others, we have expanded the Cooper archive from less than 1 inch thick to about a file cabinets worth of material on the Warren Commission.

Don't worry about insulting me by not being able to reply if you are busy. I know you are, and concentrate on your health, I just send you all this because I hope you will be interested. I really appreciate all that you have done to get Harold and Lil the recognition they deserve. Hood College is a very brave college, and it was fun to go there, if just for a day. The work you have done setting up the Weisberg archive is one which the nation will never fully appreciate, but historians certainly will.

I recently had a skin lesion removed, but it was benign. It gave me a little insight into what you are going through. My advice is to keep a positive mental attitude. Hope Maker's Mark helps! I have the utmost admiration for you, Wrone and the Weisberg's. You all are the unsung heroes of American historical research. If President Kennedy could speak to you all, I believe he would say "Thank you very much. I am very proud to have been your President." I really believe that.

Sincerely,

Bill

