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Dear Harold:

Glad you liked the fruit. I wondered if they were going to send it, because ours came a week earlier. I wasn't trying to make you all jealous of our trip to Hawaii, only explaining my ticket problem which I almost had to trade in for tickets to Washington! I did not realize that you have had health problems for so long. We don't appreciate our health until it is gone.

I bought 5 copies of "Reasonable Doubt" to give to those who have been helpful to my Cooper research. I am sending one to Bill Cooper.

On a separate page, I am ordering some more books. If my check is wrong, just bill me.

→ I do have a favor to ask you. If you could send a thank you letter when you send Bill Cooper his and the archives books, I would really appreciate it. He has been very helpful. A great guy, and one of the few in Kentucky that knows anything about Sen. Cooper and the Warren Report.

Cumberland Gap is in Cumberland Mountain, and it will soon be restored as Daniel Boone found it. They are boring a tunnel under the Gap, and the road will be removed.

I am sending you an article on the moonbow. You have a good memory! Also, articles on James Leavelle and some odds and ends.

When I research the Sen. Cooper archives, I have four goals:

1. Find anything Harold Weisberg does not have.
2. Find anything about leaks, which Dr. Wrone asked me to look for.
3. Find things that you two may have, but that are interesting in that they are in Cooper's archive, such as the newspaper article where Hoover criticizes the Warren Commission, or Ruby's psychiatric exam.
4. Anything that might interest me.

Bill Cooper is looking for the 6-23-64 transcript, but I don't remember if it was in there. It has become apparent to me that you are right, this was no job for part-time work. The special prosecutor would have been better than the Warren Comm.

I recently bought the Willis pictures, comparing the rear shot of the President's car with the one in the Exhibits, it is very apparent the road lines were removed or "washed out" in the printing. In looking through the Exhibits, some other photos that interest me are the poor one that barely shows the alleged hit on the concrete near the manhole, the always cropped Altgens photo, the poor photo of the curb hit, and a strange one.* I don't have the reference here at the office, but one photo shows the Book depository and the Dal-Tex building. Looking at the photo, the right side of the Book bldg. is in shadow and the left side of Dal-Tex is also in shadow, obscuring only the fact that the building has an outside fire escape. I am not a photo expert (my brother is), but this looks very odd.

A friend and I played with his optical scanning equipment on the Altgens in your book. It can bring out amazing detail even in a book photo. When I get the Altgens photo, I'll look at it direct. It is amazing what \$300 can get you in technology today!

Frankly, I originally thought you were too hard on the Warren Report, especially in Photographic Whitewash. However, after getting the Exhibits and upon further inspection, I must say you are correct. I am rather a happy go lucky guy, but this research has made me much more somber. It is a hell of a note that we can have an apparent "Coup" in this country, and now many people say so what, that was 30 years ago.

I've tried to find where you are wrong about anything, but I cannot. This all has made me a sharper attorney, I think. Today I won another "Impossible" case, which certainly makes me wonder what a trial for Oswald would have been like.

Three thoughts. 1. Was Ruby almost an historical accident, like Dr. Mudd in the Lincoln assassination? This seems to me to be what you are saying.
2. If Oswald was being paid anything, this would be perhaps not for his current service, but his work in the Soviet Union.
3. It seems to me that Lee Oswald was involved in industrial and economic spying. One of the big arguments of the Cold War was the size of the Soviet economy. Americans have thought of Russia as a sort of 1950's style of economy, when in fact it was very small, more like a Third World nation, albeit one with H bombs. Jim Rogers is a wealthy investor who occasionally writes articles on the world economy. In my opinion, he probably knows ^{a lot} about individual economies of nations and their stock markets, and he lectures at Columbia. He is a motorcycle nut, and about 18 months ago he rode his bike around the world! He described Russia as a Third World economy that is falling apart, and believes that it always has been, with the exception of a strong military and space program.

He actually rode across Russia!

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Oswald's detailed reports seem to me to be saying, "Here's a labor intensive society with poor quality, the radios barely work, the farmers live as under the Czars, and the people have very little freedom or consumer goods." Of course, the right wing element always needed a devil to sell our military buildup, and to a degree I believe that is why we had Vietnam and Iraq.

The radio just said this is the anniversary of the Peace Corps. It is apparent that we would have been better off spending more money on worldwide economic development and less on nerve gas and B-2 bombers.

Oswald was not in a position to get technology secrets, but he was in an excellent position to describe daily life and industrial output. This info is not as easily available as you might think, even in America. For example, as Caterpillar dealers, we always worried about International Harvester, who made some good machines. When I recently read a book about the decline and fall of IH, I was amazed about how weak they were both in product and finances. Cat, Ford and John Deere and Case have destroyed IH, and all along everyone thought IH was the one company that would not die. Same for Chrysler, who at least has survived and made a comeback.

At the last tractor show in 1980 in Houston, Cat was amazed that orange dots were stuck all over the machines when they went to clean up. They were a certain size, and were used when the Japanese took photos, so they would have a scale to measure the part! Cat was much more vigilant at the Las Vegas show in 1987, and would not even give out brochures and spec sheets unless they knew you. One of the big things at these trade shows is to run around and get everyone else's specs! Cat is boycotting the show this year, which is why I am not going to Vegas.

I still am amazed that I never saw a good copy of the Altgens photo until Whitewash II. I guess truth is too much to comprehend. Oswald was apparently set up so well that even people who should know better think he was somehow involved. Like Epstein. Of course, the perfect patsy is one who knows nothing.

Glad my press release was acceptable. I tried to get a literary agent for my magazine article, but she only did books. If I had a book on the subject, she was interested. I think it is a little too early for that! If I ever wrote a book, I would like it to be both readable and factual. I think a book could be written on the researchers and alleged researchers, a motley crew all. I do have to give credit to Seth Kantor for his book. Any thoughts on "American Grotesque" by James Kirkwood, about the Garrison trial? The index only lists you once. A reissue.

Hope you are well. Remember, always think positive! The Kentucky Derby is only 2 months away.

Sincerely,

