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Dear Harold:

Saw you last night on Unsolved Mysteries. It received a lot of publicity-USA Today___ and I thought it was an excellent show. Glad to see Chip Selby got a credit. I have a lot of respect for him.

Received your letters this morning and your letters of a few days ago. Good op-ed piece! As a man of German Catholic background and heritage, I hesitate to criticize Israel, except I oppose the bulldozing of houses. This is a public relations disaster and human tragedy that does nothing to foster any hope of peace. I sure would hate to get on your bad side! I agree that any anti-Semitism should be met with a response, and terrorism has no excuse. Betsy is part Irish, and I kid her about the IRA, but of course it is not really a funny situation.

We just bought a computer with a laser printer, but Betsy won't let me use it until I master the typewriter.

The only literary connection I have is there is a local agent who told me she might be interested in publishing a book on the JFK assassination if I have one, but would not represent to magazines. I had approached her about the article I am going to write about you. If you have a synopsis of your book, length, outline, etc., I would be glad to give it to her. It would probably pique her interest if you could inform us how many books you have sold, discuss the reissue of Frameup, is The Complete Whitewash going to be published, etc.

How much would a private printing be?

Louisville has a tradition of eccentric authors, Hunter S. Thompson is from here, as is Sue Grafton, who has written many best sellers, mysteries. The agent I spoke to has apparently been pretty successful. With all the fantasy books out there, surely you can get your book published. My only criticism of your writing is that most of what gets published seems to be written on a simplistic level, and your writing sometimes could use a good editor.

of others

Since I haven't even published a newspaper article since law school, I hesitate to give you advice! But your intellectual style and grasp of detail is difficult for the average person with a 6th grade level of reading to absorb. I think that is why simple, BS type books like Summers become so popular.

The new JAMA is amazing. I did like Cyril Wecht's letter to the editor.

→ Have you given any thought to my comments about Judge Burt Griffin?

My main goal in taping you is that on all the TV shows and documentaries you have appeared on, you seem overly edited. I hope we can get the essential Weisberg on tape. We'll see. We are very much looking forward to visiting you and Lillian. I'll call a couple of days before we come. Remember, we'll be on your schedule. If you get tired or have something else you need to do, we can always drive into DC and leave you alone. Betsy has never been to Washington, and we'll have a car. We hope to take you all out to eat a few times.

I hope a million people don't come to Washington for the Gay Rights march. They'll be right outside our hotel on Friday and Saturday nights. The Hotel Washington. All I want to do is go to the Air and Space Museum and go see the race cars in the Smithsonian. Also, the extinct birds stuffed in the Natural history section. We saw yellow bellied sapsuckers yesterday for the first time in our back yard. If you have ever looked at the passenger pigeons, they are almost identical to mourning doves. Hard to believe they are extinct.

Hard to believe that I picked the date of the largest demonstration of the year to visit. If we can, I'd like to see the Xray of the brain, and any photo evidence even if we need to go over to Hood. Photo evidence always is interesting, I have used the prosecutions' own against them.

This is all somewhat of an intellectual quest for me. I never in my wildest dreams that I would have become friends of you and Dave Wrone. I hope that in some small way we have helped you. I don't

have any ulterior motive, but I would like to get my article about you published. I will be interested in discussing the time the man was going to help you get a book published- but flaked out and wanted to add his chapters, etc. Betsy and I have been amazed that you have been so open with us, after having been burned by nuts like Summers, Hurt, Garrison et al. It is a national tragedy that the lunatic books get published, but yours are so difficult to come by. That is why I donated yours to UK. By the way, I hope you realize what an honor it is to have your books in a school that has such a great basketball team! These players are actually supposed to be amateurs, unlike the pros that got us into probation a few years back!

We shall discuss your role in the Garrison deal, and Clay Shaw. Any topic or area that you feel we should talk about, I am up for. Vietnam, of course, Nixon, and LBJ. I was too *you* to remember the Bay of Pigs, but you can only imagine how much trouble Clinton would be in if he had a similar crisis this month. Actually, Russia in the long run is probably bigger. But farther away.

I know you have concentrated on the failure of institutions to act in time of crisis. I have always felt it was easier to blame a dead Oswald than to come out with a report that said there were multiple gunmen, we have no idea who they are, and we are not too damn sure Oswald was one of them. Even as a child, I knew Vietnam was stupid, but I was always told our leaders knew what they were doing. So much for that theory. If Oswald had lived, and received a fair trial, it would have been interesting to see if the "overwhelming evidence" would have boxed him in like James Earl Ray. To me, the fact the prosecution did not insist on the death penalty for Ray is strong evidence they were unsure of trial. Any prosecutor would have loved to have been the one to send King's killer to the chair. He would have been assured of every black vote in every election.

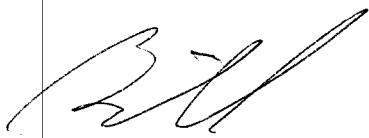
If there is anything I can do to help you get your book published, let me know. I would be glad to give anything you have to the local agent who I spoke to. Your past history as a big seller would help you. I would be more than glad to do a road show for you on college campuses to help promote your book. UK always has had a great program of visiting speakers. When I was there, I heard Gloria Steinem, Ralph Abernathy, Mort Sahl, Saul Alinsky, Buckminster Fuller, and Bill Ruckelshaus. Also Dick Gregory, who I think is rather an oddball. Plus Evans and Novak, for the balance to all the liberals!

I would be interested in how many books you have sold. If I remember correctly, Whitewash I was a best seller. I don't claim to know much about publishing, except PR is so important. I do feel your books make the truth more accessible than I ever thought possible. I imagine that the HSCA investigation was a major disappointment to you. We'll discuss that. And who should do a new look at the evidence, the FBI? I hate to ask.

It is my understanding that re the Lincoln assassination, in the 1930's a man published a BS book claiming Secretary Stanton was in on the murder, and this has become the common thought, because his book got a lot of PR and very little was being printed at that time on Lincoln. I feel this is what happened re Mafia involvement in JFK's case. In some ways your interpretation of events is at once the most conservative and most radical, darkest view. I am sure the foggy view most people have is frustrating to you.

See you soon, and I truly am at your service.

Sincerely,



*see enclosed article - on point!
send all discarded chapters -
I promise to keep them private.
I have a title for your autobiography -
"Nuts I Have Known!"
"plus some very nice people, too."*