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Dear Harold:

Just finished watching "JFK:The Investigations". It is about 2 hours and the basic technique that is used is to interview as many researchers and writers as possible. He interviews Weisberg, Gaeton Fonzi, Paul Hoch, Jim Lesar, David Scheim, Robert Tannenbaum, John Judge, Josiah Thompson, and at least a half dozen others. Many of them are not strictly interviews, they are of some sort of conference that apparently was on the assassination. It is probably good in that you get introduced to just about everyone who has ever written on the subject, whether they know anything or not. Gus Russo is interviewed quite a bit, but you are only on tape for a couple of minutes.

Also John Newman + Oswald's 201 File, CIA.
The fellow who made this documentary claims he has done research in the Russell archive, and he apparently has, because he points out that Sen. Russell thought the assassination was a conspiracy. This tape does not cover any new ground, but it is good for what it is, an introduction to the research community. The problem is, it makes no effort to distinguish between the BS artists, such as David Scheim, and the legitimate researchers, such as you. I'll mail it back to you next week. But Reasonable Doubt is still the best one ever made. Chip Selby is my video hero!

As a point of interest, it turns out that one of Betsy's former employers, who is a national expert on alcoholism and DUI laws, is a longtime friend of David Scheim. When I told him I had studied this for years, he asked what I thought about Contract on America, and was surprised when I told him it was total BS. I am afraid I am getting as blunt as you, but it doesn't do history any good to encourage these "Researchers" who don't have any facts.

A number of things I feel have never been covered by a documentary. The Dal-Tex building, the Altgens picture, the sound of automatic gunfire, the possibility of over a dozen shots being fired (Dave Wrone told me that), the poor police work done in Dallas, such as letting normal traffic resume in Dealey Plaza 9 minutes after the shooting, failure to secure the area, the police being so afraid of mob action that they had only one cop to guard the basement entrance, Jack Ruby's extreme mental illness, the lack of evidence to connect Oswald with the rifle, or to Tippit's murder, most of these things have not been covered by the documentaries I have seen. Perhaps some day Chip Selby can make another documentary, I know it is hard to cover everything in 1 or 2 hours.

As to the nest in your air cleaner, it is almost surely a chipmunk. Once one made a nest of D-Con mice killer in my mother's air cleaner. She complained about sluggish performance, so my dad took it out on the expressway to blow it out. He thought it was carbon buildup from city driving. When they took it to the shop, they called and asked what was all the yellow stuff in the carb. \$300 later, it was removed!

I also told my dad about how you have warned me about filing things in peoples names, because when you forget the name, you can't find it. I have filed some Canadians we met once at a race, as Canadians-Race Fans. They want to buy our good tickets. Dad said, "Well, what do you think Weisberg has you filed under- Hillbilly?" My whole family thinks they are comedians! At this point, they are probably thankful I haven't joined a religious cult. I think people who drive hundreds of miles to stock car races are not in a position to criticize other peoples hobbies.

We never could get into enough big snapper to bring home any fish. You can't eat barracuda, the big ones have the possibility of ciguetera poisoning, from eating all the little fish and concentrating various natural poisons in them. Can cause paralysis. Caught at least 4 species of snapper, grouper, mackerel. Had a lot of fun, but I never could chum any tarpon to the boat. They are a primitive fish, who come up for air to balance their air bladders. Saw a number, one guide I know caught a 60 pounder and a 120 pounder the same day. I am going to send WWII and Reasonable Doubt to the guys on the dock, who are my buddies. Then they'll really think I am an eccentric.

Betsy says to say Hi, and I hope I haven't created another Whitewater with Lil's bookkeeping. She ought to just round off the small balances, I probably owe you \$100 for postage for the letters you have sent me. But I know better than to tell a bookkeeper how to do her work. If Bill Clinton had Lil working for him in Arkansas, he wouldn't be in so much hot water over his taxes.

1983 To clarify, the oral history of Sen. Cooper is at UK. Bill Cooper, the archivist, did the project ten years ago. Sen. Cooper was pretty funny, but Bill said he was always reluctant to talk about the Warren Report and the Cooper Church amendment to end the Vietnam war. I feel that Sen. Cooper was not a confrontational sort, but more of a diplomat, which he was as ambassador to India. I feel he was forced by a sense of duty to be on the Warren Commission and to sponsor the end of the Vietnam war. The bozos at the transcript still owe me the Nightline of LBJ telling Cooper he was going to be on the WC. Maybe I'll get the tapes of Russell and Cooper. LBJ was certainly a profane guy. He basically told Cooper he was on it and hung up the phone!

Spring is here. Hope it is in Maryland. Tell your publisher to advertise Selections. They are so dumb, they have a hot book and don't even know it. Thanks for the Bill Natcher articles, he is an honest man which is unusual for Kentucky politics. The husband of our former governor, Martha Layne Collins, just went to Federal prison for shakedowns. 5 years. Hope Natcher recovers his health. A nice guy.

Bill

