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Dear Harold and Lil:

Months ago, I ordered 5 WWII. They came fine. Then I believe I ordered two more WWII. I believe they came fine. Then I ordered 5 more of WWII. They have never arrived. So, I guess my question, was the order sent March 7 for 5 or 2? I'll go back and look at my letter of that period.

I have not received Case Open. I thank you for having it sent to me. This past weekend, the Book Forum was bumped for extra articles about the death of Mr. Nixon. My review of Selections is promised but yet to be published.

I think you should get some better locks, if just for security. It is easy when you live in the country to be complacent about crime. I see those bums every day in court, so I know!

We are glad Lil liked the flowers. They were supposed to be addressed to Dr. Lillian Weisberg. Hope they were. We think Lil is the greatest, if only for putting up with Harold and all his research buddies like me!

Harry Merritt has run across surprisingly little about Sen. Cooper and the Warren Report except what I have sent him and directed him to. I don't believe he has run across anything about the single bullet theory in the oral histories he has seen. I enclose a letter. I am going to have my first face to face meeting with Merritt in May, and I am going to try to look at any thing he has. I have emphasized to him that all I want, and other historians want, is for his writing on Sen. Cooper and the Warren Report to be accurate, I have pointed out that his will be the only full length biography of the Senator, and we hope it is accurate.

In your last letter, you made a slight mistake. The Cooper archive is at the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

Frank Ragano, Selwyn Raab, and Jack Newfield were on the Charlie Rose show last week for 15 minutes. The highlights were: Ragano said that Santo Trafficante told him, on his deathbed, 4 days before, that Carlos Marcello fucked up, he should have killed Bobby instead of Jack Kennedy. Ragano said that he was now released from the Bar Association code of ethics, since he was no longer a member, and could divulge client confidences. In addition, he said that Robert Blakey believes his story.

Selwyn Raab is the coauthor of Ragano's new book, and Charlie Rose got him to go on the record that he agrees with the truth of everything Ragano said. Raab should know better.

Jack Newfield, who was largely responsible for the Frontline on Ragano, says what Ragano says is two pieces in the puzzle of the JFK murder. Raab also repeated the story of how Oswald's uncle was a bookie so this provides the Mob connection to Oswald. It was almost funny, listening to them try to explain how the Mob got Oswald to kill JFK.

Since I am somewhat of a student of the Mafia theory, I could predict almost everything they said. While it is tempting to go down that road, because it makes a strange kind of sense, the truth was not in much evidence that night. Charlie Rose was pretty skeptical, to his credit.

In my opinion, John Davis and David Scheim were "Mafia Theory I." Now with Ragano, we sort of have Mafia Theory II. The Sequel. The same old warmed over stuff, with a deathbed confession to sell books. Ragano also said Trafficante was jubilant when Kennedy was killed. I am sure a lot of people were, but of course that doesn't make them assassins.

On the David Brinkley show, I only watched the end. Cokie Roberts was kind towards Nixon, she is very polite. Sam Donaldson was hard on Nixon, said he was a red baiter and mudslinger from way back. George Will was very hard on Nixon, said he was too liberal! I don't like to kick the dead, at least before they are buried, but I was so glad Nixon did not lie in state in the Capitol.

Upon reflection, it seems the \$1.75 check from Lil was an overpayment from my advance of payment on 2 copies of WWII. I remember getting a lecture from her about paying in advance. I did get those two copies.

Hope all is well, I'll talk to you soon.

Love and kisses and thank God tax season is over.

Bill

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Bill', written in a cursive style.