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Dear Harold:

Got your most recent. If you want us to change the will, we can. On computer. I also think it is a good deal to have Hood review it.

As far as auto racing being a dumb redneck sport, it is! That's why we like it. I examined the car you spoke of, and it held up very well, especially in the passenger area. Guy walked away. The cars we buy should have some of the safety features of the race cars. People like to see cars go fast, and it is hard to believe how much money that corporate America puts into it. At least it is not hypocritical like college basketball, with coaches in this area making \$500,000 coaching amateurs.

A recent documentary called Hoop Dreams actually became a commercial success. It is about college basketball, it deals with such issues as black kids putting all their hopes on making the NBA, white coaches exploiting black players, kids getting crappy educations while staying eligible, you know the drill, the truth! Was actually seen in a few movie theaters. So guess what- it was completely shut out of the latest documentary awards. Not even nominated! I guess it cut too close to the bone. CBS just paid over a Billion dollars for the right to air the championships, but the players get nothing. Quite a controversy about the lack of a nomination, but the truth about college basketball is so ugly that the Establishment doesn't want to touch that tar baby. At least when Budwieser pays \$3million a year to put its name on the hood of a car, it does not try to pretend it is an amateur sport. I have not watched one whole college basketball game this year, which is almost tantamount to treason in this state!

While hanging out with my fellow Commies at the local PBS fundraiser, at the behest of a local artist who Betsy wrote an article about, I ran into one of the artists that I went to high school with, had not seen in 25 years. Turns out he is quite interested in the JFK case, and is quite impressed with you from Reasonable Doubt and The Men Who Killed Kennedy. I will direct him to read Selections and Never Again. So I am going to get you to autograph a copy of WWII. Also, I need one to Noah Wyle, who is my friend who has made it big as young Dr. Carter on the new hit, ER. Gave Noah copy of Whitewash last year. I will put this on a separate sheet.

Rush Limbaugh got quite a few calls chiding him for being against PBS. As Mark Russell says, who are the liberals on public TV, Louis Rukeyser of Wall Street Week, or perhaps that well known fellow traveler, and former Nixon speechwriter, John McGloughlin (sp?). These Reds must be stopped!

All of these cuts have various levels of support. For example, most people want a balanced budget. They are thinking in their own minds that we'll throw everyone off welfare. However, when you phrase it more realistically, and ask if the Social Security fund should be confiscated to balance the budget, the answer is NO! I like to play this game with military vets, WWII especially. If you say cut the military, they say no, we need a strong one, which of course we do. However, if you ask them if they have ever seen any military waste when they served, you hear stories about guns dumped in the ocean, clothes given away or sold for surplus, wasted food, etc. So it all depends how you ask the question.

I am holding my breath on Never Again. We hope any editing is done with some good sense. Publishing is a weird field. My plan is to do a review, perhaps coupled with Selections. Sort of like Popkin did with Whitewash and Inquest, but not as nutty! Anyway, I plan to submit my review to as many regional papers as possible, here, Lexington, Cincy, Indy, Nashville, Atlanta. I am going to get one of these damn things published if I have to use all my stamps to send them out!

Speaking of stamps, God know how many I owe you for all the material you have sent me over the years. I have been waiting until they print the new ones with the amount on them, I hate the letter stamps. Never can remember how much they are worth.

Glad Gerry G. printed out Hoax. I have not done so yet, must get a commercial outfit to do it. I think he was appalled at the editing. The main thing you need to do is take care of yourself, try not to get too worked up over Never Again. It should come out all right.

Glad you liked the oranges, and look after Lil. Like I said in an earlier letter, my goal is to get up there in April. Hope I can.

Love to my fellow traveler and PBS socialist,

Bill

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

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3:30 pm

Just heard as I got out of court that the balanced budget amendment was defeated. Rush Limbaugh was mad as hell. He said yesterday that Medicare should be abolished, to balance the budget. Idiot statements like that did not help the Republican cause. As I have said, his radio show is a stalking horse for the Republicans.

Of course, what is the Republican cause? As nearly as I can tell, it is to give the Democrats a hard time and the wealthy a tax break. About the only Republican I ever liked was Sen. Cooper, and I have spent the last three years digging up stuff so I can disagree with him and the Warren Commission.

Enclosed is Betsy's article. If you do not wish to keep it, please send it back. This is the artist that is trying to get a show in the Smithsonian.

I have been meaning to tell you that the O.J. Simpson case has taken on a different light for me than for most people, because of all your material I have read. The pattern of leaks by the police to the press, the improper police procedures remind me of the Robert Kennedy murder and JFK. If the prosecution case is so strong, why don't they put it on? I have no idea if OJ is guilty, but they have not yet convinced me. But where is the evidence? I told Betsy all along that I think the blood evidence and DNA are going to be inconsistent with the prosecution's case. We shall see.

Well, our system of checks and balances still works, creakily. I see parallels to the Prohibition amendment, where politicians were afraid to cross the Temperance League and the Baptists. With Paul Harvey saying, and I quote, that to vote against the balanced budget is to be a traitor, the right wing brought all their ammo out of the closet. But if the balanced budget is such a good idea, why didn't Reagan and Bush propose one?

Have a drink for me, as I am sitting here in my office celebrating the repeal of prohibition and the failure of the balanced budget amendment. I must be the only guy around who likes Clinton, but I must say, I admire the guy, and compared to Gingrich and Dole, he looks like he belongs on Mt. Rushmore.

Bill