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Dear Harold:

Aha! I finally have the office and the typewriter to myself. It has been kind of a hectic week. I have been in court a lot, just call me the King of the Plea Bargains. Also, we have been having a heater and air conditioner installed, plus we have had some hectic weather. Just last night, we had a tornado sighting 400 yards from my office, just 1 1/2 miles from our house. No damage, though.

Our local independent bookstore, Hawley-Cooke, does not have Never Again yet, but they have 7 copies on order. Just for stocking their two stores. Which is good, because I have never seen over one copy of Selections or Case Open there, which I don't think they currently have on the shelf. I still think Selections can sell a hell of a lot of copies. Many are like me who read the bibliography and know your name.

Accessories after the Fact is still on the shelf.

I bought a copy of Bob McNamara's new book. After I read it, do you want me to send it to you?

I just had the strangest call from a client. He tells me he had an affair with Katherine Ann Power, the fugitive college girl who turned herself in a few years ago for a bank robbery, where a guard got killed. I always had an interest in the case because she used to work in a restaurant in Lexington, when I lived there. She and the other fugitive split and many of my friends who worked there were questioned by the FBI. He says his girlfriend told him that when this case came on TV two years ago, her son looked like his twin! Oddly, there was an article on her in the paper today.

A lawyer named Boudin spoke to us many years ago at UofL law school, and his daughter was the other fugitive, as I recall. He was a famous civil rights attorney, also represented Cuba in their many year effort to free up assets seized after Castro took over.

I think one of them waited on me when I ate at the restaurant once!

The client says he found out she was a fugitive years later, when he was in the post office and saw a most wanted poster.

I tell you, any attorney who practices for any length of time who doesn't have material for a novel, just isn't doing much!

Otherwise, Dick is on the mend and I enclose an article by Mailer from Parade magazine he sent me. He is improving fast and is looking forward to going on vacation with Betsy. They had been going to Drummond Island, Michigan, which is in the middle of nowhere. But now just oto Wisconsin.

Now, if I can just get the time to go fishing. My boat has been sitting in the driveway for a month. At least we have tickets for Indy, which is nearby and on a weekend. Some of those cars hist 240mph on the straightaway. Too fast for your eyes to adjust. We are car nuts. Or just maybe plain nuts!

I bought a copy of American Prospect. Amazed I can get it in Louisville. Sometimes I think it was a good idea to have all those fallout shelters. Might have needed them. In Corbin, we stocked the basement with food. Figured a missile might have missed Oak Ridge. My mother still is in the habit of stocking food. World War III, I'm heading for mom and dad's! Although I do have more fat to live off than most.

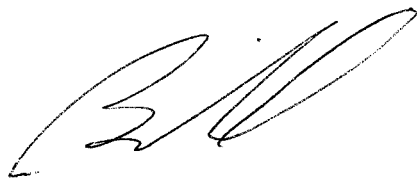
I think a lot about your writing on foreign policy and JFK. With our nuclear and Vietnam policy in such a state of flux, it is very peculiar timing that JFK was killed at such a critical time. Sure gives one something to think about.

Don't have much more in the way of brilliant insights. Although I have learned from the Rev. Pat Robertson that a conspiracy of Jewish bankers were behind the Lincoln assassination. You don't read facts like that in the history books! I think it is interesting that he has his shill, Ralph Reed, front for him in dealing with the Republican party. And all those idiots just grovel at his feet.

I have always been of the opinion that a moment of silence is close enough to school prayer for anyone. Also that as long as they have math tests that praying will never be eliminated. But I always think that if they are going to have school prayer, they should have one each day for every religion. The day for Orthodox Jews, no pork and the boys and girls are separated. The day for snake handlers, live rattlers for everyone! And the day for the Moslems, they all bring a prayer rug from home and everyone bows down and prays to Mecca four times a day. Maybe a little of that and the born agains will get off their high horse. An idea that I am sure will go over well at the local school board.

Take care, I'll write soon.

Bill

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

PS I just have to love Mailer's idea that maybe some other gunman just happened to open fire on JFK when Oswald did. Or that he killed Tippit. the novelization of history is a dangerous thing.

I have heard the theory before. It just never seems to occur to people that Oswald was a patsy, and that his intelligence connections tell us two things- that he did not do it and that he was set up.

To tell you the truth, I just don't have any respect for people that claim to be experts on this subject but are unfamiliar with your work. I've been WEISBERGIZED!