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Not to forget when I skip to the beautiful and warming last part of your letter of the 40th, I am home most of the time but because I have sleep apnea and can't help getting up early (1:30 this morning) I must get to bed early. I aim for 7 and sometimes make it. So if and when you call please keep that in mind. And if you do not mind my saying so, that at 79 each thing I do is at the cost of something else I won't be able to do. So, while to the degree I can I'll be glad to answer any questions you have please if you can hold them until you have read all I've published because some of the answers may be in the books.

That you want to make a donation to Hood in my honor of course pleases ^Nad ^Iexcites me no end. The address is merely Frederick, Md 21702. Charles Kuhn is the librarian and Dr. Martha Church is the president. What I've marked in the enclose copy of a story from the Hagerstown paper is one thing I understand they are raising money to be able to pay for. (Hagerstown is about twice the distance from Corbin to London. I've been to Corbin and I was in London for some months.)

When you look at Senator Cooper's papers I hope you'll be able to get copies of all that relate to the Warren Commission. If some are classified I suggest that you suggest to them that they ask the National archives if they remain classified. All the transcripts, for example, were originally classified but none now is. (The commission had no authority to classify anything but they did get some classified records from the executive agencies. However, about 98% have been disclosed so there should be little if anything still classified in Cooper's deposit. The records on Yuri Nosenko, for example, have been declassified. If you get them I have an interest in him and I'd like to know their file numbers so I can determine whether or not I have them.)

Insofar as I can guess what records he can have, what is now of most interest to me is his disagreement with the single-bullet theory. Russell was the strongest of the three who did not go for that, Boggs the weakest. If you want to consult any professional historians about them, two dear friends who are professional historians are, at Hood, Dr. Gerald McKnight (301-473-5639) and Dr. David Wrone, at Wisconsin, Stevens Point (715/344-8148). Home phones.

You refer to your going to a Catholic school in Corbin. Most of the DJ/FBI party on the Marlan case ^{were} and I think they drove to Corbin on Sundays for early mass. I made some good friends there, if you ever get down that way. Mike Pennington was the clerk of the federal court, if he is still alive. And I still have an old Stevens dueling pistol Peyton Lovelace gave me after he insert the lands and groves of a 22 caliber rifle in the barrel. Accurate pistol, too. Used it to shoot rats in the hen houses at night when I farmed. I'm not certain about some of the others who were friends. Fine, warm people, too.

The plagiarism to which you refer is commonplace, really widespread.

I am doing more than a magazine piece on the JAMA article. I've drafted about half of a book tentatively titled "Twenty-Eight Years of Silence," from the lie that the pathologists broke that silence for JAMA. But it is a struggle to find uninterrupted time for the writing.

Because of her education, perhaps your ^wife could do me a great favor. I would like, in simple, comprehensible form, the purposes of an autopsy in a crime of violence. JAMA quotes the pathologists as pretending it is limited to establishing the cause of death. She is, of course, quite ~~ex~~ right about how bad a job that autopsy was. As I'll be making clear all over again.

The criticism of Dr. Crenshaw is justified. It is not only entirely unlikely that LBJ would have phoned to demand that Oswald make a confession or that if he did he would have asked for Crenshaw, then a ~~nefe~~ resident ~~rather~~ than the bigshot he makes himself out to have been in his book, but I have the phone and transportation logs of the Secret Service and they not only reflect no such call but at the time Crenshaw say it was, ~~making~~ the call was impossible for LBJ. In addition, all he says about the ~~ss~~assination is from as nice a guy as any nut can be, well-intended by totally undependable conspiracy-theorist Gary Shaw. ~~It~~ is full of errors. ~~It~~ is most ^{ly} errors, in fact.

On the ~~AcE~~ ^{to HTRK} shows that I did not look at (we do ~~not~~ have cable but I was given cassettes and I gave them ~~away~~), they were an enlargement of an earlier British show the producer of which assured me as a condition of my appearance on it that he would do not conspiracy theorizing or pretend to solve ~~y~~ the case. Then he did just that. What I understand is what he used to close the show is something I volunteered that he did not ask.

I doubt there is anything of real value in either the James Earl Jones or the Conrad shows ~~supposedly~~ on the JFK assassination ~~from~~ what those who saw it told me. One said that you could actually hear the faker who said he knew Oswald say "I've forgotten my lines." The Zapruder film must have been shocking to those who did not see it before. I think the differences can be attributed to how much the shows wanted to pay and by how much they felt they needed. Also what they wanted to emphasize.

I'd heard that Oswald had what was taken as a look of recognition on his face just before Ruby shot him. I doubt it was recognition and yet, ~~of~~ that segment, I would like that excerpt but only for archival purposes. Thanks.

In the work I'm doing I'll come to what I have on the weight of the President's brain and I'll try to remember to send it to you. It is in some of what I've gathered for the writing, although I will not be writing about that.

On how I decided that ~~Varrison~~ was a fraud, which I should have recognised earlier, if I have a copy of what I wrote Oliver Stone about it I'll enclose it, or if I have time before I mail this, will make a copy for you. But in the simplest form, I broke up, ~~at~~ the request of two of his staff who had ~~tried~~ and failed, his planned commemoration, really

a desecration, of the fifth anniversary. He was going to charge as assassins a man identified as in the so-called tramp pictures, which had no relevance at all, a man not in them and on that basis alone charge him as assassin; and another man he knew very well had killed himself 15 months before the assassination, for which he invented a cock-and-bull story. When one of his lawyers confronted him with my investigative report, and it was documented, he could not fire himself so he fired a man he had hired and blamed it all on him.

The publisher asked Garrison to write that foreword, I didn't. While we were never close, I then believed what he claimed, that his excesses were his fighting fire with fire. He wrote the foreword but he did not help with a press conference, as he did with others. Look at the back cover of Photo Photographs Whitewash and your middle paragraph on page 2 and you may see why.

If this is not in an immediate mail, as I hope it will be, that will be because I'm so far behind and must read and correct it, hoping that I catch all but knowing that I never do.

Thanks also for the USA Today clipping, I do not see it. The positions Clinton and Gore took are safe and need not mean anything even if as + hope that ticket is elected. It also is a safe position for them because about 80% of the people feel that way. You should see my mail!

again, thank you very, very much,

sincerely,



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