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Dear Harold:

I've been busy and have not had a chance to write. Frankly, I have not had much to say, so I try not to waste your time! We went to Chicago last weekend and I bought four types of Bock beer. Including Point Bock from Stevens Point, Wisconsin. We visited Betsy's father. I lent Whitewash II to his neighbor. People find that Altgens picture fascinating.

The fire escape I referred to in my last letter is missing on that mockup, the one visible in Altgens. I believe it was removed several years ago when the Dal-Tex bldg. was remodeled. Groden was supposed to be a tech advisor on JFK, but he missed that.

A local TV anchor recently retired at 50, after getting his law degree. Jim Mitchell. He reviews books for the local paper and writes in the Wall Street Journal. He wrote the enclosed letter when Garrison expired, and I wrote him to offer a copy of Whitewash. His letter is interesting and I wonder if you remember him.

Questions I forgot to ask you- What is your opinion of the "murder weapon" being described as a German Mauser and a British 303?

Also- do you think it was Oswald or Clay Shaw on those odd trips where they supposedly went to register to vote in rural Louisiana?

I hope it is not bad luck to offer CONGRATULATIONS! on getting your book published. Like show biz, they tell you to break a leg.

With your problems getting published in the past, I hold my breath until I buy it in my local bookstore. I am still Jealous that Betsy got in it! I am very happy for you and look forward to reading all of it. The parts you sent me are excellent, and I think your writing style has improved with age- like bourbon!

Sorry two Derby glasses were cracked. They should have made it. I was cussing the Postal Service, then UPS lost some candy Betsy sent her father. It was an experiment, and now I know.

I have become a regular lending library for Whitewash I and II and the Reasonable Doubt video. I plan on giving them to Justice Lambert of the Kentucky Supreme Court who was an aide to Sen. Cooper. Lambert encouraged me in looking through Cooper's archives, and I have a couple questions to ask him in running down more stuff for the Archives. Bill Cooper is to be congratulated in getting two van loads for the Archives from Cooper's brother Dick, which included the file cabinet locked for twenty years! That's the stuff I looked through a few months ago. We think there are two more places to look-one of his staff and his Washington law firm. I am proud of my small part in all this. The squeaky wheel gets the grease!

I plan on sending you some things later in the week, when I find them. I need to buy some file cabinets like you. I may also write an article on Sen. Cooper and the Warren Commission. He wouldn't talk much about it to even Bill Cooper, did his oral history. I think you are right, he knew something wasn't kosher but couldn't put his finger on it, in my opinion because the staff withheld info and also I suspect because the staff had a prosecutorial bent, who wanted to be the troublemaker who defended Oswald and pointed out all the witnesses who saw or heard something on the grassy knoll?

I was once in a similar position as house counsel for my dad's company. In that job you are the bad guy, because you are always making someone mad, because you are making the salesman charge sales tax (after they popped off and told the customer it was exempt), or not allowing the sale of equipment without the required safety equipment, or telling someone he can't take any more money out of the Thrift Plan because they already withdrew it. Or enforcing OSHA, or labor laws, etc. That job gave me a backbone and a thick skin, because people do not like it when you say NO. The members of the staff were a real young establishment crew whose idea of radical was wearing a yellow tie! Or a bow tie like Belin. That meeting on Redlich is a case in point. It wasn't like

he had been a Communist. Although Gerald Ford acted like he was. What a weasel. In studying all this, my opinion of Sen. Cooper has gone up, and my opinion of Ford has dropped. Cooper and JFK were close, partly because their wives were good friends before they married. It was Cooper's second marriage. But if Cooper ever said much to anyone about the deficiencies in the Warren Report, I can't find him or her. He did make oblique remarks. But I think sometimes a reality like what really happened is so radical, so unlike the Establishment mind track, it is hard for most to comprehend or make their mind believe. Vietnam, the Reagan budget fraud, and Watergate are things where the average smart person can't believe his leaders are lying, and those who claim they are lying are called unpatriotic. We see this in people who criticize Clinton because he was against the Vietnam war. They are still refighting it, and some claim the US would have won except for those no good protesters.

It is hard for anyone with an original thought to fit in, TV being the best example. We recently had the Sheriff plead guilty to tax fraud, etc. and he was still blaming the local news for his problems after he was convicted! I'm a strong First Amendment supporter, because I can't imagine our politicians deciding what we should read. Like that troublemaker who wrote Whitewash. How did you like being called unpatriotic for telling the truth?

I'll write soon, say HI to Lil and I hope you all are having a great summer.

Sincerely,



Bill