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Dear Harold:

As you know, I have searched for one thing for 2 years. Tonight, at 8pm, I found it!

We got home last night, after flying all night from Hawaii. I was so tired after not sleeping, I even missed a stock car race near here at Salem, Ind. to which I had free tickets. This evening, I decided to go to my office to check my mail, which is only 1 1/2 miles from home. Bill Cooper, the UK archivist, had sent me a package.

He enclosed a letter from Sen. Cooper, similar to the Sen. Russellone, in which he absolutely refutes the single bullet theory.

Sen. Cooper had more tactfully said the same thing in his oral history, but this is the only letter I have found where he discusses it. I know you realize its importance.

Bill Cooper is pretty funny, he knows I have searched for this and he writes this low key letter, and places this 2-9-78 letter on top. The other material is also interesting, and I had not seen any of it. It includes several letters between the Senator and David Belin.

Covington & Burling is the Washington law firm that Cooper worked with after his retirement. We have known they had some papers for some time, but Bill Cooper is overworked, and can't work for me full time! So, when he received these papers, he sent copies to me.

This is the thing I have searched for a long time. As the "Cooper expert" it is the one thing I have longed for. Although the Senator maintains Oswald acted alone, he seems to keep an open mind.

I will send you the rest in a few days, but I know tomorrow will be a typical back to work Monday, and I wanted you to have this at once. I am also sending it to Dave Wrone, Dennis McDonald and Gerry G. Also McKnight direct. That is why I am using an old, stiff typewriter not used for two years.

I hit the jackpot at work, a letter from you and a copy of H. Roffman's book and other materials from Ginnocchio. I hope you got my post cards.

Thanks for your letter. Try not to get too mad at Posner. After all, greedy people with no ethics or morals can't be expected to live up to the standards of real humans.

To me, to try to convince people that Lee Oswald acted alone in JFK's murder, when he must know that is not true, is despicable. It is so easy to slander the dead, and we see this even in JFK's case. The trashy "Reckless Youth", which caused the Kennedy family to blow a gasket, has been made into a TV movie, I think ABC. That is like the recent TV movie on Robert Kennedy, which was on his non-existent affair with Marilyn Monroe. At least if they are going to write this sort of thing, it should at least have some basis in fact. TV becomes reality in our society. I guess we can look forward to J. Edgar Hoover in high heels and an evening dress soon!

It is ironic that when we stayed our last day in Hawaii, at the Outrigger, we ate at a restaurant called Duke's which is named after a native movie star of 30 years ago. It has signed and other pictures of Duke in Hawaii with other stars and celebrities, like Amelia Earhart and John Wayne. Betsy asked if I saw the picture above, and I looked up and it was Duke and Jack Kennedy!

This slander of President's goes all the way back. In the recent bio of George Washington, old bio but just read by Betsy, GW was called everything but white, when in fact he was probably the greatest American ever. He was even the victim of an attempted coup, but called the plotters together, made a speech which moved most to tears, and saved the country again. Truly the greatest, the rare combo of military general, statesman, scholar, good businessman, visionary, and brewer, vintner, and distiller. The last very important in those days.

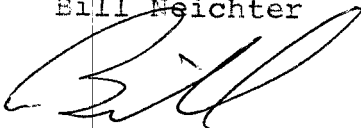
✓ I'm glad Jerry liked the Maker's Mark. He is quite a politician to be able to help you as he has.

✓ I do want one favor. Please remember to give me your opinion on Katzenbach and his motives for those odd memos.

Say Hi to Lil, and I'll be sending you more soon.

Keeping the copy machine makers in business, I remain at your service,

Bill Neichter



Aloha!