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Dear Harold and Lil:

I haven't written you lately, because I hate to bother you unless I have something to say. I hope all of your all's health problems are improving. I am sure they are annoying.

Selections from Whitewash is great! It is well organized, reads well and hits most of the high points. It reminds me a little of Presumed Guilty. Whoever edited it did a masterful job. Half to go.

I really hope your publisher spends a little money to promote it. I would not be happy if they treat it like MLK: The Assassination, which might have had good sales since the controversy renewed itself.

I recently picked up a client from Northern Virginia, and told him I would make him a hell of a deal to come to that area and discuss the case with the other defendants I have not yet met. A franchise case, which I know a little about since my dad had a Caterpillar franchise. Maybe this spring. When I next get to your house, I want you to think what I should look at in your files. I know you don't have extensive photos, but I would like to see what you have.

I must admit you have finally convinced me the Mafia was not involved. The spookiest thing about the case in Dallas is that whoever set up Oswald had to have had intelligence connections. I wonder what Sen. Russell and Cooper thought about all the loose ends. Remember, one letter I sent you from Cooper showed a handwritten note about the Odio women. In 1978! The false Oswalds are the one thing that is pretty hard to ignore. Most of the false Oswalds are so heavy handed, so gross or obvious, that the WC members had to have had problems with them.

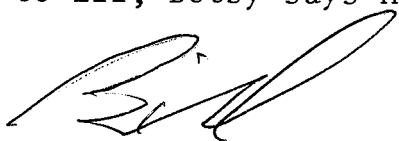
Weather has warmed up here, the snow had paralyzed the city and state. Saw a Cat D7 bulldoze snow off the interstate. Don't see that often.

If my memory is correct, Lil is selling me WWII for \$4.50, on my last order. Send me 5 of WWII, and please autograph a couple. I had one you signed for a friend and either I lost it here at the office, or the cleaning crew stole. Before this, the only thing ever stolen was my name pens, of which some janitor must have 200 of them. I enclose a check, if I am wrong, send me a bill.

Has anyone ever looked in the Earl Warren papers for you? I don't believe that I have ever heard you refer to them. I am enclosing an article about Tommy Boggs. Wall Street Journal editorial.

I'll probably write you before I leave, but next week I am going to Daytona for the races. Family tradition. My father once had a cousin who won a race at Daytona and finished 9th in the Daytona 500. My 90 year old grandmother who raised him watches the races! On TV. Then dad and I are going down to the Florida Keys for fishing. Back in office Feb. 28. I haven't been fishing for 3 years, though I have more equipment than a tackle shop. Hope to get the big ones on video. Once I was anchored 10 miles from Key West in the Gulf, in my boat, and a guy sailed over and asked for directions. I asked him if he wasn't embarrassed to ask some hillbilly from Kentucky. He said he was so lost, he didn't care! Another time, I hit a rock bar so hard dad and I both had to get out of the boat, and it still didn't have enough water to float. You have to run 6 miles in water less than 3 feet to get to the Gulf there. After you tear the hell out of some expensive outboards you get over your nervousness. I should be a tester for Johnson outboards, I am already but I have to pay for my own repairs. Beautiful though, once Betsy and I had our boat down there, came out of the channel and saw a pod of 30 porpoises. About the most beautiful thing I ever saw, the water was so shallow all their backs were out of the water. Have them swim up to the boat, you put out a chum bag with cat food and fish swim up. Actually chummed up an eight foot barracuda once. Couldn't catch it, though. Had some extra cat food once here in KY, put it on the bird food tray and chummed up a cat!

Love to Lil, Betsy says HI.

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

PS Just got a letter and package from you, and one from Dave Wrone. I think you may have a misunderstanding about Lexis and the West Law Publishing Co. They do not publish every case, just ones they find interesting. The listing is rather arbitrary. For example, since I have only appealed one case out of Circuit Court, I probably do not have a listing as being on any cases, though I have filed dozens and defended hundreds of cases. I do not believe that Lexis is all inclusive.

I include a copy of UK's new library. They hope to break ground soon. If they have any money after spending \$10 million dollars on an indoor practice field for the football team. Bear Bryant, Don Shula, Blanton Collier all used to coach at UK. If they had these facilities, maybe they would have stayed. The Wildcats now have a better indoor practice field than the Chicago Bears! For a poor state, we spend a lot of money on athletics. Shows where our priorities lay. Or lie. I never learned English cause I was too busy cheering on the team!

I liked what Medgar Evers son said at the new trial. He said he wanted Byron de la Beckwith to see what an Evers looked like from the front, since the bastard shot his father in the back.

I listen to Rush Limbaugh to keep awake, my blood pressure must go up 30 points. He is making a big deal out of Vince Foster's suicide, which was probably handled improperly. Cyril Wecht said it was indeed a suicide, which Rush disagrees with. He called Wecht a left wing forensic pathologist! I can not give much weight to a political commentator who did not even vote in a presidential election until 1988. He didn't even vote for his hero, Ronald Reagan. When he was on his JFK kick last summer, he said JFK would have been defeated in 1964. I guess others disagreed on Nov. 22, 63. The attacks on Clinton from the right remind me of the ones on JFK. They used to say that JFK would have the govt. pay for Catholic schools, now the right want it in the form of vouchers. Guess Kennedy was ahead of his time. Even his enemies agree with the stuff they accused him of. I'll look in the bookstores for your book, and let you know.