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Dear Harold and Dave Wrone:

Enclosed is a letter I wrote to Harry Merritt, biographer of Sen. John Sherman Cooper. If you think I am wrong about anything, feel free to tell me.

Harold, I think we have crossed wires. I believe you sent me two copies of WWII on March 7. I got those. I then ordered 5 copies of Whitewash II, but I don't think those were ever sent.

So, have Lil send me 5 copies of WWII. Please!

Merritt has done some research. I am going to look at his stuff. I know to look for single bullet stuff, etc. If there is anything you think I should ask him, let me know.

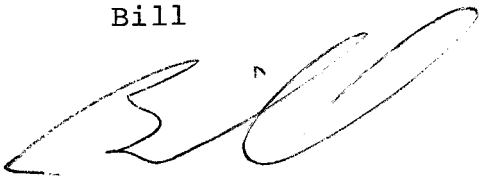
I would also like to know your opinions of Edward Epstein. Don't go to any trouble, but next time we communicate, that is something I am interested in.

I really appreciate the time you fellows have taken with me over the years. Thanks a bunch.

Say Hi to Lil and Mrs. Wrone.

Sincerely,

Bill

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

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Dear Bill Neichter:

Thanks for the latest mailing.

Through an alternative source, I managed to -- briefly -- get ahold of a copy of the Cooper oral history interview about Lyndon Johnson. I have no idea why it was ever sealed, especially since it was done in 1978, five years after Johnson's death, and I can tell you that the Warren Commission takes up just three and one-third pages of the 52-page transcript. It's mostly Cooper telling how Johnson called him to be on the commission, how he knew some of the commission members and how Johnson did not pressure them to hurry up or come up with any particular finding. There's also some talk about the House re-investigation, which was going on about the same time Cooper was interviewed. Even to a non-expert's eye, there wasn't anything new.

I've turned up a few more stray letters from Cooper^(re Warren Comm) in the late 1970s in the vast uncatalogued part of Cooper's papers. I think they're copies of letters that exist elsewhere in the collection but their value is that Cooper wrote them before he was very feeble. (If you have seen the excerpt from Cooper on the Warren Commission in *Let Us Begin Anew: An Oral History of the Kennedy Presidency*, by Gerald and Deborah Hart Strober, then I think you know what I mean by "feeble." I almost wish they hadn't used Cooper in that book; he was really "out of it" by then, sad to say.)

Anyway, thank you.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Merritt