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Dear Harold:

It was either work, or write you a letter. You won! The best thing about writing you, besides my enjoyment, is that my typing has improved.

I hope you all are coping with the cold weather. Don't let Lil fall or anything. It must be pretty up in the Maryland mountains this time of year.

I am going to try like hell to get over there to see you in April. I was unhappy that I did not get a chance to see you last year, between my regular vacation, work, and being on the stockcar circuit with dad and Larry, I kind of ran out of weekends. Plus we go up to see Betsy's father at least twice a year. Her mom died several years ago, and we fix frozen meals, chili, and food and drive it up to Chicago, where he microwaves it. One of the problems with you old folks is that the widows and widowers don't eat right, and we fix most of Dick's meals. Pretty good stuff, too. He is in good shape, just a new bachelor whose wife did all the cooking. Plus he is diabetic, so regular meals are important. We did all that without us having a full size freezer, but we bought one yesterday. You should see my van full of coolers when we drive to Chicago, it looks like we are smuggling. Smuggling chili!

With watching World War II documentaries and such, I have come to realize what a heroic generation our parents are. Betsy's dad walked across Europe, and helped liberate some concentration camps. My father was on Pacific submarine duty. I think I enjoyed going to college more, sounds like more fun.

Just received your 2/4/95 and found it interesting. I have discovered another conspiracy, and you have confirmed it. I think Kroger's and Winn-Dixie have paid off the local weathermen to predict snow about once a week. Last week we had a prediction of 15 inches. We got 1/2 inch. But the groceries were busy. Coincidence? I think not!

You allude to talk radio. I try to take in about 15 minutes of Rush Limbaugh every day. Those of you fellow traveling liberals who ignore Rush do so at your peril. Every Republican theme, and I mean every one, is tried out on Rush's show. For example, Sen. Helms' comment about how Clinton better not come to any military base in North Carolina is an exact repeat of something Limbaugh said two years ago. I do not think that people realize this, but it is true. Limbaugh is working in concert with the Republicans, they float themes like term limits and 2 year limits on welfare,

The theme that Clinton is incompetent, the worst foreign policy ever, his is not a legitimate Presidency because he did not get a majority, that he has no morals (unlike that family man Limbaugh, who is on his third wife and no kids yet!), all these themes are tried out on his show. Like playing in Peoria, which by the way is a very nice town-Caterpillar headquarters. Like Mein Kampf, Rush says what the Republicans are going to do and then they do it. However, it has been funny hearing Rush listeners defend PBS, apparently not everyone thinks the McNeil-Lehrer show is a front for liberal communists.

So I prefer to think of it as forewarned is forearmed. I have been a little surprised that Rush has not been in trouble over his Amos and Andy imitation. He makes fun of Alan Greenspan raising interest rates, saying the Fed thinks "They is too much consumin' going on!" Greenspan actually gave Limbaugh a personal briefing on this last interest rate hike, because I think he is afraid of too much criticism of the Fed. I think the Fed made a mistake, but Rush cut them some slack.

I did see a PBS documentary, another repackaged BBC one, 4 hours on the FBI. Pretty balanced, some of the harshest criticism of the FBI came from former directors and agents. I missed part of it, but no mention of the JFK case that I watched.

I hope things go well for Never Again. It was interesting that John Newman came to Hood. I am glad you had a chance to see him. Let us hope that he is not taken in by the nuts! One thing that most people don't seem to realize is that there are facts available in the JFK case, not just theories.

As you know, I have always been interested in the "Mafia did it" theories, partly because I read those books first. But I have been impressed by your thought that since the Mob was under such tight surveillance, they could not have done it. More evidence for that, the FBI ~~xxx~~ showed how they had a bug in Sam Giancana's office! Not many secrets in the Mafia.

By the way, your buddy Cartha DeLoach was interviewed, the only criticism he made of the FBI was that Hoover was skeptical of computerizing all the criminal records, but he saw the light when brilliant ~~G~~ man DeLoach practically singlehandedly convinced him the computer was the way to go. He of course defended the FBI, saying that the student demonstrations had to be controlled, making a good point, I admit, that when the President tells you that each demonstration costs him 93,000 votes that puts you under some pressure to stop them. Knowing his background, I found it amusing.

That article on Dr. Crenshaw was interesting. Like you, I doubt that EBJ called him and spoke to him.

There is one point that I want to run by you. When we were up there for the Hood thing in 1993, I gave Dave Wrone the third degree questioning him on the finer points of the assassination. Dave said that he is certain that Oswald took the bus from the boarding house to the Texas Theater, and that he was in all probability meeting a contact there. Do you agree?

I hope things go well with Never Again, and that it gets some promotion. Take care, I shall write soon.

Love,

Bill



PS Just heard the news that Dan Quayle is not going to run for Prez. On the heels of a poll that Dick Lugar would be more popular than Quayle, in Indiana. The only gossip I have ever heard on Lugar is that he was Nixon's favorite mayor-Indy 2 and that he used a dog actor in his last down home on the farm commercial! I think Bush was right in trying to set a young person up to run for Prez, but I think that Quayle was the wrong one. The Republicans have the same problem the Dems had with Mondale and Dukakis- a short bench and no one really popular to run for Prez. I have a \$50 bet with my brother that Clinton will be reelected. I bet on Clinton.

Does anyone in his right mind think Dole, Gramm or Lamar Alexander could beat Clinton? I doubt it. I feel Quayle has health problems more serious than he has let on, like some others.

If the Democrats play their cards right, they could recapture the House. But I am not holding my breath.