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Dear Harold and Lil:

I wasn't even going to write you a letter today, but I have some time and I need the typing practice. I guess you could take that as a backhanded insult!

Today I made my reservations at the Red Horse Inn. I will get into there about 8pm on Thursday April 6. I hope we can have breakfast Friday morn April 7. And then I am at your disposal.

One thing I may try to get a copy of when I am over there is some of your correspondence with Agent Rookstool. If that is OK. That little incident is, I think, very interesting because it shows misconduct of the FBI at its most recent.

I do have one funny FBI story. As I am sure I have told you, my family business is the tractor business, although unfortunately I am no longer active in it. I guess maybe I would have tried to be a better asskisser if I had known what a bitch it is to practice law! But I have always been an independent know it all.

Anyway, my dad was talking to another tractor dealer a few months ago and said the guy asked him, Do you know so and so, an FBI agent. Dad said sure, he used to work for us and go fishing with my son. Had him over to the house, a nice guy. The fellow said, "well, I thought he might be. He is the only FBI agent in Louisville who has ever shown an interest in finding the stolen machines we get stolen!" So I guess we trained him right.

I did have one thought recently. Do you think Posner gave his copies of your files to the CIA or FBI? I bet he did.By the way, I am still waiting to hear from Zuckerman. He must be busy!

Gerry G. sent me the letter he wrote to Loomis, and the return. I kind of liked the letter you have from him where he states Oswald's fingerprints were on the rifle. Hope he told the FBI that little tidbit.

I guess you read where the Texas Theater was gutted by fire. And they had just renovated it. What a shame. Although it is kind of a weird tourist attraction, I have always liked the idea that most of the places the assassination and its aftermath occurred have been preserved.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all. It has been a long time. By the way, we have not seen Case Open or Selections in the remainder racks yet. I want to give a few more to a couple libraries.

See you soon.

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PS I note that the University of Kentucky beat the local school, Mount St. Mary's. I guess there should be a professional division and an amateur division in basketball.

If Kentucky had lost, we would not have let the coach Pitino back in the state! They don't pay him half a million dollars a year to lose. CBS paid about \$215 million just for this years tournament. You gotta sell a lot of beer and Oldsmobiles to pay that kind of money.

My alltime favorite basketball story is a few years ago, when Louisville had to play I think Drexel. They asked Milt Wagner, our top player, if he had ever heard of Drexel.

He said, "I think thats one of those academic schools." I guess it must have been, because we beat them.

How can you top a story like that?

One of the fellows I got WWII for a few days ago said that he was thrilled to get your autograph. He has seen you on documentaries.

He told me, "Weisberg seems so positive of what he is saying." I told him it is because you know what you are talking about. Art is an intellectual, a college professor. But he has been somewhat misguided, as most of us who have not read your work. So I am trying to get him on the right path.

Sometimes people I have given one of your books to read ask me, how come Weisberg thinks he knows so much? I tell them hard work, and if they can find one wrong statement, I'll call him up and point it out. But although I have found a few small things that with 25 years of hindsight are slightly offbase, such as Clay Shaw, nobody else I associate with has been able to call your hand on anything.

It must be nice to stand the test of time and finally get some recognition for your work. Too bad it did not come a little earlier. I hope you relize the power of television, you have become a legend for your TV appearances on the Men Who Killed Kennedy and Reasonable Doubt. You got Charisma for an old chicken farmer!

Mrs. Thank you, Zil, for the nice