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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

It is a great privilege to be writing to you; I believe people like you represent the kind of faithful Americans our forefathers envisioned when they drew up the Constitution.

Allow me to introduce myself - I am a friend of Dal McGuirk in Auckland. He is presently composing a course on the Kennedy assassination. I taught two courses on the subject here in Christchurch in 1993. (Christchurch is in the South Island of New Zealand, 700 miles south of Auckland)

Dal asked me to write you regarding my father's service in the U.S. Navy. My father was Commander Allan H. Craig, and he served 31 years in the Navy, from 1936 to 1967. He became a commmander in the 1950s after active duty in the Pacific and North Atlantic during the war. He also participated in the blockade of Cuba in 1962. Prior to this he had the dubious distinction of dining with 2 other American officers and Cuban Dictator Batista.

My father commanded the USS Snowden and later the USS Abbott, both destroyers. As commander he was stationed alternately at Newport RI and Norfolk, Virginia. His commanding officer at retirement was Admiral Thomas Moorer. Moorer was an extreme right winger and was involved in the Watergate with Haig and later in the Iran-Contra scandal. This is documented in Silent Coup (by Len Colodny and Robert Gettlin) and The Iran-Contra Connection, (Jonathan Marshall, Peter Dale Scott, Jane Hunter). Moorer headed Task Force 157 while head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a naval intelligence operation specialising in using private corporations to gather information on Soviet naval activities. Ed Wilson, CIA terrorist, worked for this outfit before going in business for himself.

Norfolk, my home town, is not far from Nags Head, North Carolina. This may have been the headquarters for a Naval Intelligence operation sending phoney defectors like Oswald to the Soviet Union to learn all possible about Soviet intelligence methods. I believe it was the Assassinations Committee which looked into the fact that Oswald phoned Nags Head from Dallas while in police detention.

My father often remarked that the US Navy was the most fanatical of the 3 branches. It is the Navy which constantly sought to confront and provoke the Soviet Navy.

My father never spoke negatively about the Navy, and he always obeyed his orders. Unlike Oliver North, he honoured his pledge to "uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States." Privately, he subscribed to I.F. Stone's Weekly and SANE, and financially he supported groups dedicated to peace and social justice. In 1992 he gave me his copies of 6 Seconds in Dallas, Presumed Guilty, and Rush to Judgment; he thought it was great I was challenging the well-controlled disinformation press here in New Zealand. Unfortunately, he died in November 1992 while I was in the midst of outlining the course format. I dedicated the course to both of my parents.

My father and mother were among the majority like yourself who never believed the official version regarding the President's death. They certainly respected the efforts of persons like yourself to get at the truth. My father often remarked during the Vietnam War that at the end of WWII the United States was the most respected nation in the world. By the time of Vietnam, it was the most despised. After the 1970, 80s, and 90s my father felt it was clear that our country was the greatest threat to world peace; a sad reflection on the Kennedy assassins, their agendas and legacies.

I am afraid this letter reads like a brief postwar history of the Craig family! At least it affords me an opportunity to salute and thank you, on behalf of a generation of Americans who still believe in democracy.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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