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Dear Jerry,

Your card makes it a clincher: it is good for the country to have high-school paper editors!

What the Congress established is a body, perhaps as you refer to it a committee, to oversee the disclosure of supposedly all remaining undisclosed JFK assassination records other than those for which there is a substantial reason in law or regulation prohibiting their disclosure.

It has not been safe for me to drive out of Frederick since 1977 and I have not. So I've not been to Washington to ask about what is up. And what isn't. I know only the little that has been in the papers. Bush ignored the law and did not appoint those people. Clinton delayed it until relatively recently. Under the law it was to have been done pronto. As of my last information it had not yet been staffed. One of the candidates ^{executive director} is an associate and friend of a friend of mine. Some weeks ago she brought him up so he could question me. He made a very good impression on me and I hope he gets the job. He is a lawyer with one of the best firms in the country. They are to be housed at the new Archives building, which is on the campus of the U. Md at College Park. I understand it is a fine, large building. All the ~~JFK~~ JFK records the Archives has supposedly ^{have} ~~been~~ moved there. Those who could have kept me informed have not, I supposed because they are all theorists who theorize conspiracies and imagining their solutions and hope to find proof in the records to be disclosed. I have and have not had any such theories and I've yet to see the one I could not debunk. Or did not. So, those who have had free access to all I have and for who I've made many copies have not seen fit or taken the time to send me any of these disclosed records. Except a California friend I've never met, who sent me copies of what someone I never heard of in Washington sent him. Valuable stuff not mentioned anywhere of which I know. I did a lengthy Afterword for NEVER AGAIN! that has been delayed inexplicably and as of my last info is due next March. Sorry I know no more so I can't be more informative.

I've very glad this of Walter's marriages is lasting. My love to them all when you see them.

I hope you understand that Case Open is a publishing mess not of my doing. But what remains of what I wrote and was not edited is solid. Still not a peep from Posner, RH or anyone speaking for them. Not a review anywhere. I've heard of only a single-sentence mention in any paper or column. Sound familiar?

Best,

Herold

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Harold: CASE OPENED with your letter, which I'm sharing with Walter, arrived in this morning's post, for which many thanks. When I was in high school, I was the editor of ~~the~~^{the} newspaper, which won state honors year after year, and I attended a Columbia J-School scholastic conference in March, 1948, and went to J-School, class of '53. As executor of my friend Boe's estate, I directed a \$10,000 contribution to the J-School for distribution of its monthly magazine. Yes, Walter still has Agnes and that little girl, Kim, who is now 14. Walter is off to Germany in August, for the first time since 1959, when he came to the U.S. What is this committee Congress has established with \$2-million to review JFK-ass. documents

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