

Dear Dick,

5/6/92

When it became apparent that there would be no book on Oliver Stone and his movie and when many articles, often inspired by him as well as by the controversy appeared, I began making a record for history because of the significance of his travesty. I do not recall whether I sent you copies of any of them. I did send them to my friend Dave Wrone, professor of history at Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

After he got one I wrote Tilkun, he started having them retyped, for the historical record. Then he said they'd make a book. I asked him, "Letters to and about Oliver Stone" and he said "yes."

Since then he has had other <sup>ones</sup> retyped. I've not yet had time to reread them. I did find that reading clean copy does make a difference. Not the same as reading and correcting hasty writing with bad typing.

He has just sent me a "forum" of sycophancy from the American Historical Review, quite prestigious, and just this early morning I've finished reading and correcting a lengthy beginning to what I'll send it, with no hope or expectation of publication by it.

While without reading ~~these letters~~ <sup>them</sup> I cannot be sure, I do think that to a large degree they do tell the story of the crudeness and the knowing dishonesty of this exploitation and commercialization.

I'll have the opportunity to pick up more details in writing this historical journal.

So, what do you think? Is there, in your opinion, a book in this, with this title or some reformulation like "Oliver Stone: Letters to and about him?"

5/9 I do not know whether you or C&G or Publishers West have any interest in the Crenshaw book whose allegation that LBJ phoned him to get Oswald to confess got much attention but I now have pretty solid evidence that LBJ did no such thing and that if he had had anything like it in mind he'd not have phoned Crenshaw anyway.

Best,

*Harold*