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Dear Harold,

2/4/97

Sorry I have not written sooner. I have been carrying your last letter around in my brief case for at least two weeks now always intending to write but never getting to it. This past January has been busy with an Interim Project I taught with one of our librarians on "The Southeast Asian Presence in America". His wife is Cambodian and he has lots of ties to the Cambodian, Laotian, and Hmong (the mountain tribe of Laos that the CIA recruited) refugee community. Of course, through Hanh-Trang, my ties are mainly to the Vietnamese. We had students read personal accounts of these refugees, and the most time-consuming aspect was bringing in several guest speakers representing each of these communities, including a Buddhist monk, and 4 Hmong & Vietnamese teenagers. We also had a Vietnamese/Cambodian dinner for the students at the end of the project. I think we did a good job exposing them to these newest Americans, and I was rather proud of our speakers, who I think had something to teach our students about what freedom and opportunity really mean. Personally, I also got a chance to read a lot more about our so-called "secret war" in Laos.

Regarding the General Butler speech, I can report that I did hear a news story on it on National Public Radio, but that was it. I've enclosed a brief commentary from the latest issue of The Progressive, which confirms your suspicions that this significant story went nowhere. You may have already seen this.

I have been corresponding with a student down in Cooper City, Florida who was interested in Hoax. His name is Chris Brooks, and he originally wrote to you and you suggested he contact me or Dennis. I am sending him half of the manuscript today, and will send the other half in a week or so.

I am looking forward to reading your LaFontaine expose. Dennis sent it to me just before he left for England. Speaking of Dennis, I have established an e-mail connection with him. Sounds like he and his

wife, Nancy, are doing fine. I envy him being able to take in the sights and sounds of London.

We've had a mild winter here so far. Recently, most days have been in the 60s. Hope you have also had some good weather, and you are able to get out. Take care and send my regards to Lillian.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerry".