

Dear Gerry,

7/14/97

The NY Times editorial of the 6th with your 7/9 is disgusting while it is also pathetic. It is now talking about amnesty to avoid having its past exposed. Lesar has sent Pepper some of the evidence I got for the evidentiary hearing of the 1970s and that can perhaps help now. If he sent the right stuff and if Pepper understands it. I proved that the rifle was dropped outside Canipes when that would not have been possible for Ray had he been in that bathroom. But as they can, judges ignored this. *Jim sent me the stuff that I collected & he used.*

Glad to get the press release of those honorable men." I started a book about <sup>the</sup> Commission lawyers with that title, mislaid the release, and gave Jerry all my work on it, what I'd written and what I'd copied for it. You and Dennis may want to keep this in mind because that may include what you can use.

Jerry volunteered to retype what I was writing in answer to <sup>what</sup> that scumbag of a subject-matter ignoramus Kermit Hall had in the Maryland Law Review. It is retyped and he is working on corrections. I've been keeping myself clear to get on what he gives me as soon as he does. I plan many uses for <sup>this</sup> the. & Jerry thinks well of it. It runs about 250 pages and I have 64 exhibits for it. It is a book! And weak as I am, I was astounded to get it on paper in two weeks! There will be copies.

Copies reminds me. Dave just read what I wrote two years ago about Newman's mistitled Oswald and the CIA. He had <sup>just</sup> ~~just~~ gotten it. I think from a friend who is a very fine person, Bill Mills, of <sup>H</sup>ighson, CA. No mail delivery there. His box is 1119 and the zip is 95326. He and Bill Neichter have been in touch and between them I think you can get anything that I've finished that you do not have. I've lost track of what there is. Mills has been very, very helpful in many ways. Jerry may also have what perhaps the others have not duplicated. And Dave should at least know about them, what they are.

Glad to know that Dennis is back. He and Nancy undoubtedly have much to do and much to remember from what I hope was a fine experience.

Thanks for your good wishes. I guess 'til and I are about as good as we can hope to be. I'm much weaker, tired more easily, have some medication reactions (at a cost of more than \$750 a month reactions to the damned things yet!) but at least no real pain of any kind.

Best to you all,

*J. P. O'Connell*

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Dear Harold,

Enclosed are a couple of items you may already have about the disclosures of Ford's altering the Warren Commission's finding regarding JFK's back wound. The AP story was clipped out of the local paper by a student in my summer school class. He attached it to his take-home final exam. Although I wish he would have done better on the exam, I appreciated his thoughtfulness. And then this past Sunday the enclosed editorial, "The Amnesty Option", appeared in the New York Times. Aside from the Times' pontificating about both the JFK and King assassinations, neither comes close to articulating the real implication of this alteration, as further evidence of deceit and failure of the Warren Commission. Perhaps Ford was trying to help his buddy, Specter, out.

Regarding these "honorable men", I ran across a copy of the press release of the surviving WC staff and Ford issued in the wake of Stone's film. As I recall, this was one of the items you asked about several months ago. I enclose a copy of it. Among other things, teaching that summer school class forced me to go through the many documents and articles I have collected over the past several years. I do have a filing system, but it is far from adequate.

I am glad to have the summer school session over with. I was disappointed in the performance of most of the students in the JFK class. One of their greatest shortcomings is their inability to pay attention to detail. On papers and exams, most of them would just give me generalities, and even if they were fairly accurate, as generalities go, they provided little substance to back them up.

I don't know if you have heard from Dennis MacDonald yet, but I got an e-mail message from England a couple weeks ago announcing his return to the States on July 1st.

Hope you and Lillian are well.

Best Wishes,

