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Dear Harold,

It was good to hear from you! Given the many problems you've had to contend with these past several months, I was thankful to receive any word from you. Jerry McKnight has been keeping me informed of your situation via e-mail. I also got some recent e-mail messages from Dennis who said he had spoken with you over the phone. Lillian did write to us from the nursing home several weeks ago. I hope her spirits and health continue to improve, as do yours.

About a month ago I finished a very trying semester of teaching, as well as dealing with some other issues, one of which I believe I described in my last letter to you. Since school has been out I have been very busy with some home improvement projects, mainly painting and doing some long-overdue minor repairs around the house. With that pretty much complete now, I have gotten into my summer research project for which I got a grant from the college. It involves expanding the section on the failure of the media, which Dennis and I briefly touched on in that paper we wrote a few years ago. I decided to focus on the mainstream news magazines such as Time and Newsweek. I am going to try to read everything they have published on the assassination over the past 35+ years. I have begun with Time and have read everything through 1964. Although I was not surprised by the way Time embraced the official story, it has been eye-opening. I could hardly find even a hint or suggestion of anything critical of the government's case. Any questions they've had so far seem to focus on Oswald's motive. They also gave a lot of attention to Marina Oswald, just as the Commission did. And I found their early report on the autopsy results (late Dec. '63) to be a mess. No source for this was really identified. And by the time the Warren Report is released in Sept. '64, Time is congratulating itself for having been right on the money with their earlier reporting and analysis. I hope to have pretty much completed this project by the Fall.

Some months ago, Clay O. sent me the disk of Inside the JFK Assassination Industry, which I had printed out and am now reading. Although I've heard you speak of many of your earlier experiences which, in many ways prepared you for what you've done on JFK and King, it was nice to be able to read a more systematic account of them, along with some new details.

Hanh-Trang is doing fine after the hysterectomy she had in late Feb., which I believe I wrote you about. She quit her job with the hospital's home health program, but she will soon be doing some part-time consulting. Feel free to write with any questions you may have about diets and dialysis. As you know, she was a renal dietitian for several years and she has tried to keep current with that field. Claire and Nick are fine. Claire will be taking her driving test soon.

Please give our best wishes to Lil and we hope you will be able to work something out where you can both be together and home.

Best wishes,

