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Dear Harold,

I received a nice letter from Lil the other day and I was very impressed with the clarity and strength of her penmanship!! It appears that you two have a lot ahead of you. My late mother was so right when she observed many times that "you have a million dollars when you have your health!"

I see by my "old" card-sending system that yours and Lil's birthdays were in April. If the "new" system is extended, the cards for the entire year could be sent out in January!!! But, it is said it is the thought that counts!

I am still smarting over spending a dollar for Priscilla's book, "Marina and Lee." It is one thing to jump on the official bandwagon, BUT taking over as driver!!! She takes great pains in protecting Marina's purity and chastity and "establishing" Lee's guilt in everything, even to the point of rubbing the reader's face in it!!!

I thought moving on to Ehrlichman's Witness to Power, the Nixon Years would salve the departed dollar, but, even that work gave a bad impression!! It should have been called, "Litmus to Powder, the Dorky Years." Ehrlichman was around Nixon long enough to pick up some facts, but, all he reported was a zoo. JFK, I gathered, was the last sane administration!! Also, Tricky Dick would never have been president had JFK lived. Ditto RFK!!

I thought the 3 dollars would be saved by plunging into "Khrushchev Remembers" but that work suffers from the same blight as Priscilla's: hearsay!!! There is no way even the clever Nikita could recall verbatim the conversations between and among people over half a century or more! The "Crew Chief Remembers" and the Nixon book were both heavy on paranoia, mistrust, pettiness - the whole array of human foibles spawned by personal fear. I think the Ehrlichman book is the same one I bought in softcover at a Minnesota flea market for 5¢!! So I am out \$3.05 (not to mention the gas and wear-and-tear on the auto getting there and returning)!! I must be more careful in buying books in the future!!!

At Lancer98, attendees, including Mary Ferrell and Gregg Jaynes, were eager to inform me that Parkland had turned over more records to the Sixth Floor Museum and "my" stuff was probably among it!! My plate was too full to visit the Museum so I wrote to Gary Mack and came up with a negative. I will have to set aside time at Lancer99 to do my own research. Gary said they could provide the material at 10¢ a page, but, I know ahead of time that most of it is unneeded and unwanted so why put "them" through it???? If I do my own research, I can tell at a glance if a page is something I want - it's not so much the money, but, the time!!!

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I am sure you are fully aware of the <sup>A</sup>nonsense in Colorado????

It is the extreme result of parents being pleased that their kids are cooped up in their rooms and not being contaminated by running the streets or neighborhoods!! Having an electronic babysitter is not the answer. Experts <sup>say</sup> the human brain is the ultimate computer and the GIGO concept applies there best of all - garbage in/garbage out!!\*  
The virgin brain cannot help but be influenced by all the crappy TV, internet, video games, movies, e-mail, etc. Guys are getting rich by "developing" films and games for the internet who could not earn a dime in legitimate industry or business. Once their crap sells, there is a new demand for super-crap and super-super, etc. This is all claimed to be freedom of speech, expression, etc. The founding fathers would have all these kooks in paddocks down in the public commons!!! They would never tolerate wearing the flag on the seat of one's pants or walking on it or burning it!! The best part of it is that everyone (EVERYONE) KNOWS THE CORRECT ANSWER.

I still contend that is why JFK met his doom: he concluded that the presidency had been prostituted by the very agencies set up to assist it and he wanted to return the office to its original intent. The of/by/for concept scared the hell out of certain individuals and groups, especially those who were living off fortunes amassed by their ancestors who "discovered" how to swig off a federal teat!!! JFK not only wanted to be a good president but a great one!!!! Therefore, he must have been a keen student of the GREATs and felt he must emulate them. To him: democracy was the hope of the world AND democracy was rooted in the Constitution!!! A lot of people could not accept that!!! The JFK books roll on. See the attached review. Soon, every library in the country will have a JFK section!!

I see in U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORT that Frederick is back in the news!!!

I can only wish you my best and prayers for your and Lil's prompt return to your home. I know it is not easy, and pleasing the medics is not the simple avenue.

My very best to you both,

Regards,

Paul H.



\*Who are today's role models??  
W.J. Clinton, Monica, Rodman,  
Menendez, O.J., Tyson, Don King,  
Michael Jackson, Capone, Dillinger,  
Bonnie & Clyde, etc.,  
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