

Dear Dennis,

4/28/96

I'm glad to get your letter of the 24th and the enclosure, which is informative to me in several ways. I've been trying to get the ARRB to include the agency file numbers along with the computer numbers without success. I've been told they'll try to arrange that at the end of their work. The pages you sent show that the computer holds that information even though the ARRB releases do not. I'm glad the Archives is aware of the problem from not having the records prior to 10/26/92 in the index.

There is on the Bronson film what the Archives does not have. Gary Mack ~~and~~ has it and I presume that The Sixth Floor also does, from him.

I've just put in a box the book-length ms. I've done on Oswald talked by the La Fontaines, who are the La Phonies. It runs 40,000 words or more. I'll copy it when I can and then it will be available for retyping.

This week I should be getting via Jerry what those two Hood students have goldbricked the summer vacation and this semester on. To the best of my knowledge they have not done a thing. One of those runs about 200,000 words, on the Mailer monster. Some has been retyped but not with corrections post. I've the rest copied. Had that done before this ending semester began! The other as I recall is on the Newman book.

A consistent format is a great idea for the future. Some inconsistencies have been troubling me and I know of no source for learning what is correct in such things as the names of newspapers. Are the cities italicized? Does it vary?

I'm glad that Debbie Thibeault will be doing "quite a lot" because there is quite a lot to be done.

Please let me know how you and they would prefer their being paid. Lil will need what they know for our records and tax reports, their SS numbers, etc.

It all sounds very satisfactory, thanks, but I think there is work for any other(s) you may be able to find.

I think that this week I'll get ~~got~~ going over what you sent. I did not want to do that while my mind was on other things. I'd started a ms. on Prouty's book when Dave gave me to believe the La Phonies was more important. It is different and in that sense he was correct. As I recall I'd already copied from Prouty's what I'll use in the writing.

Does that World Wide Web include newspaper stories, etc?

My one experience with that data base is that it was not complete. A friend gave me a printout on the records of me. That is how I could recognize incompleteness. But that can come from disclosure having been before 10/92, I suppose.

Thanks for your good wishes. I do not know if my health is any better but I should by the end of the week perhaps have a clue. I'm to have another chest x-ray, which I plan for tomorrow, and then I see the internal-medicine doctor later this week.

I'm back in physical therapy and that will have me near where they X-rays are made in the morning.

Later this week Lil has a consultation with a vascular expert, referral by our podiatrist. Her feet and lower legs are swelling.

So far I've been able to make slight increases from half of what I was able to do with the physical therapy machines when I was hospitalized. That was about half of what I'd been able to do a month earlier. Or, I'm doing about a fourth of what I had done and at that level it has not tired me excessively. I'm making gradual increases. I hope that can continue.

We've both benefitted from getting a cart like supermarkets use for walking. It helps Lil when she goes for the mail with it but that has her pretty tired when she is back. I found that going out for the paper with it a week ago and returning without stopping and resting was too much. I'll be experimenting with that as the weather warms. It was 40 with a bright sun an hour after sunup this morning. That is now a bit cool for me and I have to wear more clothing when I go out in it. When it is warmer I go just go out as I am.

Is there a special mailer for diskettes? If so I can get them locally but I would like any recommendation you can make. Is there any chance of accidental erasure in the mails?

I think our friend Steve August at the Red Sox would appreciate a copy of the paper you and Gerry did. It might also be an introduction for you. If you would not mind sending it to him, please tell him I suggested it because I believed he'd be interested. He is Steven W. August, director of baseball operations at the Sox, Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 02215. His phone is 617/236-6662, fax 617/236-6695. Phil and I like him very much. He is a fine fellow, we think we may see him again this July, whether or not he takes time to come here from Baltimore then. We may get to a Saturday day game that will not keep me up too late. I want very much for Lil to get to a major league ballpark. She has enjoyed the games for some years now without having ever been to one. We were not up to it when he was here the 19th, which happened to be Phil's birthday.

our best to you both, and thanks,

Harold

April 24, 1996

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

Sorry to hear of your recent health hospitalization. I hadn't heard from you for a while and was beginning to wonder if you were well. I'm glad to hear that you are back home.

I trust that by now you have received my earlier letter and the package with the corrected sections of the first thirty chapters. I know that there are inconsistencies in typography, titling of chapters, etc. However, I thought it might be a good idea to complete the typing and editing before doing a printing of the entire book using a consistent format. It is really quite an easy matter with the computer.

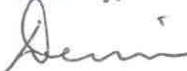
I recently spoke with my student, Ethan Stumpo, who is doing some of the typing and with our faculty secretary, Debbie Thibeault, who will be doing quite a lot of it. It appears that they will be able to handle what we now have in our possession, that is, the remainder of Inside (numbered chapters up to 45 and additional chapters which are not numbered — and the Brown book). The work should progress rather quickly once the semester ends (final exams begin a week from today!). Ethan will be doing an independent study with me this summer, so we'll be in frequent contact. The secretary will be in for several hours a day to work on this, beginning in a couple weeks.

I hope that this is satisfactory to you. I know that you are eager to get this done, and I don't blame you. I assume that the editing will be easier for you if we send several chapters at a time, as the typing on them is completed. In any case, let me know if these arrangements are not satisfactory.

Our office computers have been upgraded recently to allow us instantaneous access to the so-called World Wide Web. In exploring the various connections that are available, I connected to the National Archives which is featuring its Kennedy Assassination materials. One feature that is available, though I do not know how reliable it is, is a searchable database of their documents. One can enter a name or any other item and the system will provide a table of all documents in its database that include that item. I haven't had a chance to look seriously at it. If I can get around to it before mailing this, I will try to print an example.

Hoping that this letter finds you in improved health!

Sincerely,



Dennis

P.S. Regards to Lil.