

Mr. Jeremy Gunn, ARRB
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Dear Jeremy,

A copy of the New York Times 12/23 story on the disclosure of the JCS records in yesterday's mail reminded me of my interview of General James Gavin in early June of 1967 or 1968. What I remember of that suggests that there may be additional similar records in other army files or in personal archives.

I was asked in an emergency, the man who owned the syndicated show not having turned up, to do the interviews at the annual American Booksellers Association convention for Authors' Roundtable. One of those ^{who} had a book that had just appeared was General Gavin.

In the course of the interview he confirmed that JFK had ordered that 1,000 of our men be returned from VN by the end of the year. He went farther. He told me that JFK had called generals in to persuade them.

The argument he told me JFK used stuck in my mind because it was so simple and yet so true. He told the generals he called in that the problem in VN was political and not military and then asked, "What can I do to convince you,.." or "what can I say," I'm now not certain which, "that political problems are not susceptible of military solutions?"

How I wish it were possible for me to go over those disclosed JCS records that relate to the withdrawal alone!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Bill Mills
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2/22/01

Dear Bill,

I'm sorry you did not want to talk to me. I knew you had not returned the call or letter from the manager of the Hood College book store. I'm sorry also for whatever made you feel this way. I felt about you as a very good and helpful friend and I'm remember you that way. Because you were. I'm sorry also that it seems to be over on your side.

I had two purposes in calling because I had head^{ed} that you did not respond to the book store.

One was to ask you for the makeup from which you made copies of Oswald in New Orleans and of Whitewash. The book store is going to have to make what they can make copies from and you seem to have no use for them. So, if you can send them, thanks. It is a simple address, manager, book store, Hood College, 401 Rosemont Ave., Frederick, MD 21701.

If you are turned off entirely and if you have no further interest in your ~~own~~ collection, if you give it to an educational institution you can get a legitimate tax credit. You'll also need a legitimate evaluation. It cannot be made by the institution but with a detailed list I could make a legitimate one. Without such a list but with a general one I think I could make one that stacks.

And, if you are going to do that and have no local place in mind I am sure that Hood would welcome it and that it could not get a better home. Robberies that somehow continue led me to ask Hood to accept mine as soon as possible. It took a large moving van two trips to get most of what is in the basement. The space set aside for it was not emptied until recently and now they are getting it in order.

I'm sorry, very sorry, about your not responding. I'd like to know the cause because you were a good and a very helpful friend and I did and do appreciate that very much. Among what was stolen, and I've a pretty good idea who stole it and for what egomaniacal/stinker out ^{there} is included a batch of the FBI's ^(about me) nastiness, (usually lies or exaggerations, and anyone seeking that and not knowing the truth would be influenced the wrong way.

Thanks again for the past, best wishes for the future, sincerely,
If whatever bothers you has to do ^{with me} with me, then you should know that if ~~you~~ you give your collection ~~with me~~ ^{to} Hood, it would be with mine.

Harold Weisberg

Harold