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Dear Harold:

Well! What did you think when Fuhrman took the 5th? It seems unfair that the jury gets to hear him when he lies, but not when he tells the truth. This case is the perfect example of where you need to hear the prosecution as well as the defense. It is unbelievable to me the people who made up their mind before the defense had a chance to present its case. This seems to be a case where the prosecution had a weak case, so hid that fact by putting on a large volume of weak evidence- or planted evidence.

I think the press shows a great misunderstanding of the facts when it says the defense claims a massive conspiracy of the police to frame Simpson. In fact, it can be as simple as Mark Fuhrman planting the evidence to make a name for himself. Just as many attorneys want to be like John Grisham or Bugliosi, and write novels, many cops want to be like Joe Wambaugh, a former cop who writes books. As you know, you can never overestimate the profit motive.

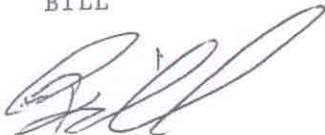
The letter from Mr. Pepper was great. It must be nice to have someone appreciate the work you have done. I told Betsy that it sounded like one of my early letters to you, except Pepper has studied the Ray case for years. Maybe Pepper better appreciates you since he has had to deal with his share of nuts. But he does seem to be impressed by the guy who says he was involved or whatever. I must admit, I have never seen a profit motive for the guy. But I tend to agree with you that he probably never had anything to do with it.

As you know, the Kennedy family has had its share of myths grow up around it. I wanted to ask you about two of them. One is that Joe Kennedy was involved in whisky smuggling during Prohibition. The other myth is a persistent one that JFK had a previous marriage. What is the origin of the JFK marriage one?

One thing I get a kick out of is that in 1960 Kennedy was attacked as an agent of the Papacy, that he was going to get the government to pay for Catholic schools. Now, 35 years later, the Republicans, many of whom are Catholic, want school vouchers, to pay for their kids Catholic educations. If JFK were alive, I think he would get a kick out of that!

Hope JFK JR. has good luck with his new mag. I enclose an ~~extra~~ envelope and some stamps. Say HI to Lil and I hope she is better.

Love,
BILL

maybe
no!


PS You seem to have a bad attitude towards the Confederacy! I can't tell of the arguments that I have heard that the Civil War was not fought over slavery. Another myth. But a Southern one!