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Dear Harold:

I hated to read your letter to Jim Lesar. Although all the things you said may be true, it was pretty goddamn harsh. I know it is frustrating to put up with that kind of delay, but you write a pretty mean letter.

Although I agree with you 100% that it is easy to cater to the lunatic fringe of the JFK researchers, Jim has helped you a lot over the years and sometimes you just have to accept the fact that some of your best friends may be irresponsible idiots. Believe me, it is difficult for me to smile when I have to see some of the people who I used to work with, when I was fired from a company that my father ran and built and my grandfather got killed working for, but sometimes you just have to grin and bear it. But maybe it will get Jim's attention.

It is absolutely amazing to me that Carrol and Graf don't do anything to push your books. The last time I was in Waldenbook's they had two copies of Case Closed and two of Case Open.

I think old age has caught up with me! I am so tired I can barely get the guilty off.

As far as the paddlefish, you are correct that it is common in the Cumberland River. A 300 pounder was once caught there. They take the roe and make a sort of American caviar out of it. Also good to eat the meat.

I do think it is nice how you have tolerated all the bullshit artists that have crossed your threshold over the years. I tend to agree with you 100% about your basic beliefs. I do sympathize with Lesar about being overworked, I have a guy in Minnesota who is about to jump down my throat about some over due materials.

Does Lil agree with you that OJ Simpson is innocent? That is a subject that is always good for an argument. I have always said, what is the motive? It always seemed like a stick up job to me.

This is an unbelievable story, but you may find it interesting. I have a friend who sued the police dept. several years ago, because they arrested him for entering a bar with his seeing eye dog. He won some money. The cops didn't like him, he made them look like fools.

Several years later, he was running around with a pretty fast crowd. Since he was blind, he was not very discreet, he would sit in front of an open window and smoke a joint. He is also an attorney by training, but does not practice.

I warned the guy his buddies would get him into trouble. They were kind of a wild party crowd. Didn't give a damn types. Anyway, one of his ~~XXXXXX~~ friends slapped his own girl around, and she got revenge by telling a cop buddy that these guys were the big cocaine importing crowd, which was not true. But it was good enough for a search warrant.

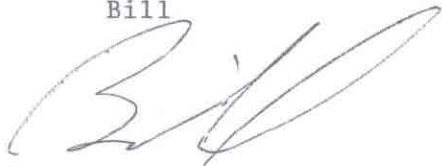
So when they searched his place they found about a pound of marijuana but no coke, thank God. But when the police turned it into the evidence room, it had grown to about 3 1/2 pounds! The bastards had put some cheap weed with his to make it look like a more serious crime.

So anyway, even though this guy has been a victim himself of police planting evidence, (who would ever think that they would do it by adding weed?) , he still thinks OJ is guilty and the police are right!

The Simpson trial has turned into a political trial because of the race factor and the political ambitions of the players. Gil Garcetti wants to be mayor, Marcia Clark wants to have his job, and Chris Darden wants her job. Yesterday Garcetti said it was outrageous that Ito fined Clark \$1,000. So Ito reduced it to \$250! Who in hell is in charge in that courtroom?

Well, I better go back to work. Let me know what Lesar said, if he ever speaks to you again!

Bill

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Bill', written in a cursive style.