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Dear Harold and Lil:

I had just come in from the Gulf of Mexico, fishing with my father, when Betsy told me that Rabin had been shot. Rabin was a hero of mine, I know how hard it was for him to deal with Arafat et al. A damn shame, when will the secret service learn that leaders need at least as much security as rock music stars?

Our vacation was nearly perfect. Betsy and I drove down with the boat, and went on the Intracoastal waterway in St. Augustine. Saw dolphin fishing, lot of neat stuff. Got to Key West, caught a lot of fish and then dad flew down. Betsy came home, we fished for a few days and then we drove home.

Fishing has improved, the new laws limiting fish traps and netting have let the population increase. Florida is coming to grips with conservation. Saw more baby grouper and mullet than in many years. Like one fishing guide told me, if they just give Mother Nature a chance, Florida is one big fish factory.

RE a letter of yours a few weeks ago, I do know who Paul Robeson is and I bet it was neat to get a chance to spend some time with him.

Hope Lil is doing better. I was the victim of KFC food poisoning. Sick Sunday and Monday, missed work. Turned the bastards into the health department. I really haven't felt well all week, no energy. Try the KFC diet plan, and lose 10 pounds in 12 hours!

The COPA award was nice. The History Channel is running the Men Who Killed Kennedy next week.

I took the liberty of trying to get Jane Norris to have you back on her show. She needs some interesting guests anyway.

What did you think of Bill Pepper's ad for his new book?

Since it is the Friday before Thanksgiving, and it was exactly this time though not this date 32 years ago, I have some thoughts. I feel the timing of the JFK assassination, right before the kickoff of the holidays, made it into an even more memorable event in that most are in a good mood, and then Dallas. When the Browns announced their move from Cleveland, Jim Brown said it was the saddest he had ever been on a football field since the JFK murder. Old time NFL players have been quoted that playing after his death was the biggest mistake they ever made.

Catching up with work. Say HI to Jerry McKnight and his wife. It was so nice of them to have me over for dinner last spring. Thought of Jerry when we saw a sea monster, turned out to be a tree limb! You know, there is a giant squid, 60 feet or more, that even grabbed a Brit soldier hanging on a life raft in WWII. Gives me something to think about when I am on the ocean!

Dad went to a reunion of the USS Eurayle, a sub tender, in Reno. The story he told me, as related by others, is that there was much