

Dear Bill and,

1/1/96

I am working on what will be a fairly long, probably book-length manuscript on Walt Brown's Treachery in Dallas. In it he says that the Dallas police were the actual assassins. That is a different pitch and Brown can be used to typify the abdicated professional historians. I've read and corrected in the usual rush in which I miss much the first three chapters. The fourth, which I've just finished in draft, unread, is the longest of these. I've titled it, "Wanna Buy the Alamo, Mr. Brown? ^{Real} ~~Very~~ Cheap!" It is close to supertime for me. I'll start reading and correcting in the morning but I'll not be able to get any more work in on it tomorrow because it is a full day in which we'll have to be away for four hours after the exterminator gets here.

I do not know when hood classes reunse but when they do I should be getting back retyped parts of two other manuscripts to read and correct. Then my mind will be off of this one. I do think that from his title I should find some use for that fine word, Treachery.

I presume that Brown and his books are little known to you or unknown. At the beginning of the new semester Gerry and Dennis will have little time. I also do not know if they'll have the time or interest to read it. I'll be sending the original to Dennis because if nothing else it is part of what Inside addresses and says. I have in mind sending you a copy when I make my copy and you can then send it to Gerry if he wants to read it. Dennis will have the original.

I'll also be enclosing the Post's yesterday Outlook section, almost all on that remarkable man Herblock. He may be little known to you. I think you will want to read it and perhaps Gerry and Dennis, too. But it is too much for us to try to copy and patch together. So when you finish with it will you please send it to either Gerry or Dennis who can then send it to the other? Thanks.

When Brown first phoned me he told me he is a PhD who is also a former FBI SA who is teaching high school in New Jersey close to New York City. I have real doubts about his ever being an FBI SA. Perhaps he was accepted but I think if he was he did not finish the academy. I'm making the one effort I know of to learn.

I've read the book and annotated it and I'm writing from those annotations, skipping a fair amount of them as not necessary. It is an authentic atrocity with not a single attribute of either scholarship or investigative know-how and standards. I do not want to take the edge off the rest but you can get an idea of where and how I'm going from the tentative title of this fourth chapter.

I think that what I've in rough rough is close to 25,000 words.

I think also that I'll try to get an early copy of the Hosty book. I've no idea who is to publish it but I have the impression it was due by now. I've a fair amount on him written in the convoluted addition I laid aside to Senator Russell Dissents.

Best to you all, Harold

1/4/96

One of the things that gave me a full day was a trip to the dentist. I have to take erythromycin before he starts and after it. Then he put me on it for 10 days. After years and years on it I reacted but with the ~~abscess~~ abscess for which I went to him require it. It made me nauseas, etc., but with a different form of that medicine now and taking it differently I seem to be tolerating it OK. However, it changes my plans a little. I'll be doing what - said but when - feel more like doing the copying. It has now ^{BROWN} ~~gone~~ because I was able to continue writing. The fifth chapter is read and corrected and the sixth started.

I've learned that the Hosty book is out. I've written someone in New York who may be able to get it for me. Small and probably right-wing publisher.

The Brown book is really bad. He is egotistical but also stupid. He does not know the subject and has made no effort to learn.

He puts me in the position of defending the Secret Service and some in Dallas but it is possible to do that without saying they were right in what they did and did not do. I'm restricting myself to what Brown said and did that is wrong about them.

More later. It is so cold I did not even go out for the papers. Someone is here who will bring them in.

Instead of copying I've continued writing but I'll do the copying soon.

In Chapter 7.

H 1/6/96