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Dear Harold and Lil:

I sent Marvin Packer Waketh the Watchman. I also send you a copy. Note that I wrote a short foreword. If you don't like it, tear it out!

As far as how much money you owe me for printing this book and sending you and the Packers a copy, I think you have it backwards.

What do I owe you and Lil for giving me inside knowledge of the two most heinous murders in modern American history? I told my brother, Weisberg has given me a million dollars worth of information. Whether I ever write a book or not is up to me, but if I did write one, at least it would now be accurate.

I can never, ever repay you two for what you have done for me. In addition to getting to meet Dave Wrone, McKnight, Dennis M. and Ginocchio, all of whom I intend to stay in touch with the rest of our lives, you have done one other thing you don't even know about.

When my father and I were forced out of the tractor dealership, I was in a pissed off mood and have been for about 12 years! It cost us a lot of money, and since my grandfather got killed working for the same company, we had more than money invested there.

At least with my study of the JFK and King murders, I have had something to take up my time besides being mad. I know it sounds fanatic, but when you grow up in a company, run the credit union and pension plan, go to the funerals and see the babies, it really hurts ones feelings to get forced out.

But between spending a lot of time with my dad, fishing and other stuff, and getting to know you two, becoming a "Weisbergian", I like to think I have advanced myself onto a higher plane. At least I have some way to use my intellectual pretensions!

I hope both of you are doing well. Try my bottled water theory. It works and is cheap. At the auto races, they get \$3 for a can of beer and \$2 for a bottle of water! I think it is a profit deal!

See that the Franklin Mint is selling copies of Jackie Kennedy's faux pearl necklace for about \$200. At least it is not Nancy Reagan's.

I did do one thing recently. I wrote Howard Roffman a letter, praising his book. I did tell him that you had been ill. Never heard from him, guess he doesn't answer his fan mail. I do think he should try to get his book reissued. But I am sure he is busy.

I also enclose the Forbes on Lucasfilm. The guy has quite an empire.

Did see one thing recently that was quite amazing. PBS had a special on meteors, and whether a big one will ever strike the earth. The answer is yes it will, who knows how big or how many.

Anyway, they had some amazing footage in the Northwest US, where a meteor came in, ran along the horizon, bounced off the atmosphere, and went back into space, amazingly, a guy got it on film. Looked like a miniature sun. Unbelievable that gravity did not pull it in. If it had hit land, the force would have been equal to 12 Hiroshima bombs. Unreal.

Even better than a UFO!

Well, I better get back to work. Take care of yourself.

Love,

Bill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill".

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Marvin and Gloria Packer
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Dear Marvin and Gloria:

I am proud to enclose a copy of *Waketh the Watchman*, a book Harold Weisberg recently wrote. It has a foreword I wrote to explain how I got it.

Unlike any of Harold's other books, here he draws on the work of others to show the problems that President Kennedy had with the military. On several occasions, they disobeyed direct orders, often involving nuclear weapons.

With the revelation that the Gulf of Tonkin incident, which was the excuse for the Vietnam War, was a fabrication, it is a lot easier to believe that the military may have, in some way, been involved in the murder of JFK. Radical as it may seem, it must be remembered that none of the "Weisbergians" believe that Oswald shot JFK, so you must look to other possibilities. The number of bullets fired alone proves that the murder was a conspiracy.

Senator John Sherman Cooper, the Kentucky Republican who was on the Warren Commission, stated that voting for the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was the biggest mistake he ever made. I think it is a scandal that the Senate does not hold hearings on this issue. If it could ever be proven that the military got us involved in a war on purpose, which in fact it is proven in the Vietnam case, what does that say about the military leaders at that time?

This is a shocking book, and some would consider it radical. But those of us who follow Harold and believe in the quality of his work have been very impressed by it, and I think it is extremely accurate, as is all of his work. I am happy to send it to you, and Harold and Lil are very lucky to have such a nice family that supports their work.

I also enclose an article I wrote, which may prove that not all writers are created equal! I have the utmost respect for Harold's work, and have even sent some of it to one of our state Supreme Court justices, who was an aide to Sen. Cooper. Believe me, I would not have sent him books that I did not think were true.

Hope you are doing well, and enjoy this book.

Sincerely,
Bill

