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Dear Harold:

Have had a busy but not particularly profitable week, so I finally write. Got your letters today. I tell you, what do you charge a woman who makes \$6 when you have to spend 3 hours in court for her son? If there is a heaven, I hope I get some credit for that!

I have seen an ophthalmologist, but I think I may go back for reading glasses. It seems some types of print are harder to read. Wall Street Journal is OK, but McKnight's book must be held almost at arm's length to get my right eye to focus. Middle age is here!

Sure slows down the speed reading. As far as the TWA 800 article, note that it was picked up from a Mass. paper. I agree, terrorists would have probably claimed credit, and the FBI has said that one reason they ruled out terror is they picked up nobody bragging or claiming credit. As far as a hand held missile, it is possible but at the long end of the range of those units. I tend to think if it was a U.S. missile, they should look at submarines. Mistakes are possible. Look at the B1 that crashed. Billion dollars for a plane, and it is a piece of crap. Jimmy Carter was right to cancel it.

The missile picture I saw in the Star looked to be cruise missile size, not hand held. I think it is a Navy coverup. I may be wrong.

I contacted Indiana Univ. Southeast, right across the river. They had a speaker a few years ago, some guy on JFK I have never heard of. They seemed receptive, so I sent them a proposal. I'm going to speak to someone if it kills me!

Jane Norris had Caspar Weinberger on this week. There is a guy I have no use for.

Article on Ken Starr very interesting. I think he is a right winger, has some sort of superiority thing about looking down on people he thinks are not up to his moral standards. Like J. Edgar Hoover. I admit, I am pretty close to being a yellow dog Democrat. I have never liked

the national Republicans. I have voted for a few, like Marlow Cook. Cook was a good guy, progressive Republican. U.S. Senate. He was defeated by Wendell Ford in the post-Watergate era. Cook was actually ^{the} more liberal than Ford. But he had the misfortune of introducing Richard Nixon at the 1972 convention, and in "All the President's Men" he is shown speaking kindly to Nixon. Killed his political career.

I have waited a bit to contact WHAS et al to see if any of the bookstores will stock McKnight's book. I bought three copies, tell Jerry I got 5 pages before I started underlining things. Think he makes a good point that if the FBI had known about plagiarism, they might have hurt King with it. But I think that may have been a tempest in the teapot, sort of like Jesse Jackson exaggerating his role. Has not hurt his career, but he is known as sort of a bullshit artist in Chicago and with whites across the country. But I hesitate to criticize black leaders, our white leaders are not so hot either.

If history teaches us anything, it is that history is the story of real men and women, not perfect Barbie doll gods. Like I always say, even Jesus had a bad temper, and he did hang out with hookers. And the Greek and Roman gods, were very flawed. Lustful, vengeful, liars, adulterers, and talk about using your position to get sex! The Greek gods had all the sex they could with mortals. And it is rumored, animals! Group sex, you name it, the Greek gods were a party happening all the time. And I forgot about the lotus eaters. They did a pretty good version of the Odyssey on TV recently. I liked the scene where Homer, with the lotus eaters and his goddess girlfriend, says "Come on boys, we've been here two weeks, time to set sail." The goddess says, "Homer oldboy, it has been three years!" Sort of like Ken Starr's investigation.

Reading a New York Times obit on a general, I noted that Gen. Maxwell Taylor commanded our own 101 when they landed on Utak Beach. As I recall, Taylor was one of the good guys in JFK's administration.

Note on Jefferson. I think there is still some debate whether or not he had children by Sally Hemmings. Don't forget, Geo. Washington's girlfriend was in England virtually the whole time he supposedly was having an affair with her.

Some of the nurses Betsy works with went to Nashville for a look at one of their prison medical centers. Saw James Earl Ray talking to his lawyers in a glass room , very jaundiced and yellow.
Last week.

You know, it sounds egotistical, but if I had known how mediocre a job Bill Pepper was going to do with Ray, I might have considered becoming involved. It is absolutely unreal that he would not take the time to read the work you and Lesar did. Evid. hearing.

When we come up, hopefully this spring, I want to see some of your work on the Gulf of Tonkin. Also, your material on Ray and the evid. hearing.

The other day, Betsy got tired of bad grapefruit and ordered some from Hale!

I do have one question. Is it your understanding that the FBI never showed the Warren Commission the enlargements of the Altgen's picture?

Well, I better go. Sunny and pretty. Warm up those fish. I guess I am pretty high on myself to think they have anything to fear from me!

Bill

PS I enclose some thing on your books from a computer listing my brother Larry got for me.