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Dear Harold:

Tell Lil that I am in sympathy with her vis a vis tax season! I'm trying to get my records to the CPA, and I know that she is busy as a little bee.

One thing that I appreciate out of you is that you have tried to help me make friends with other researchers. Paul Wurtzel and I have become friends, I get the feeling that he has no one that he can discuss these things with. I enclose a couple pages of Probe that he sent me. Nice guy.

Gerry Ginocchio and I and Dennis M. seemed to hit it off as soon as I met them a few years ago. They have even asked me to help them with their book. I am humbled. I tell you, Gerry ~~and~~ has an amazing memory. I include his letter. We may try to come up together. I have a ticket I must use to Charlotte, I have been thinking about flying there and driving up to Frederick with Gerry. Or, I may fly into Baltimore. Gerry and I are going to discuss it this week. I told Gerry we should get past April 15. But it probably would be later this month anyway.

So, may come up there without Betsy, and try to come up later this summer with her. It feels like summer now. 80degrees.

I was going through my papers last night looking for both old tax records and JFK stuff. I want to discuss a specific memo with you, I call it the CHAOS memo, badly named. Not that memo that uses the word CHAOS, but the one where the military predicts turmoil in late fall 1963. I'll find it and we can discuss it.

As I was going through boxes and boxes of info that you have given me, all I can say is "Thank YOU". It has been like going to grad school.

I had not heard from you for a few days and got mildly worried. I try not to waste your time. But your letters are amazing and informative. Thanks for the Boggs memo to go with the FBI tickler. I'm sending both to Wurtzel.

As far as contacting Judge Brown, especially now that he is off the Ray case, I see no problem. I'll call down there and try to get his address.

So, Gerry and I are going to try to coordinate and come up and see you all in late April. I shall keep you informed.

Boy, David Garrow is a self confident guy, isn't he? I wish I knew all the answers like he does. He is typical of what I call the academic historian closed mindset. It is unreal how mainline historians have ignored the JFK killing and Dr. King's. Also, the Gulf of Tonkin fraud, ignoring black history in general, our illegal acts in Cambodia and Central America.

I guess of all the things that I admire about you is that if you don't know the answer, you admit it. Not ignore it!

CBS is apparently reviving "Unsolved Mysteries". It has only been on one time this season, as far as I know. I have always wanted them to examine the Altgen's picture.

I will say, the silence since Adm. Moorer said Congressional hearings should be held about Flight 800 is deafening.

Congress lost one of my heroes last week. Rep. Steve Schiff, N.M., R. died. He was instrumental in getting the Air Force to give their 3rd explanation of Roswell, and I doubt that he gained many votes by discussing UFOs. He had guts.

I'll write later this week.

Bill



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Dear Bill,

Thanks for your recent letter and the enclosures. Although I have not really followed the story too closely, the TWA Flight 800 does clearly have some of the earmarks of a cover-up, especially when you consider the parties involved, principally the FBI and Navy. I had not heard of retired Adm. Moorer's comments on the matter. Most of what I heard regarding the missile theory were put-downs of Pierre Salinger's views. Certainly, given what we now know about the Navy regarding the Gulf of Tonkin "incident" and what Harold exposes in Never Again! and Waketh, I would not put a cover-up past them. I also enjoyed the piece by James Stockdale II.

Your idea about preparing exhibits to show in the context of giving talks on JFK and King is a good one. I have done a little bit of that. When Stone's movie came out and I got a lot of invitations to speak locally and appear on the state education TV, I did a little bit of that. For example, on a call-in TV program I got the moderator to set me up with a question in which I commented on Howard Willens' statements denying a cover-up. I pulled out a copy of the Katzenbach memo of 11/25/63 and showed that this memo had been dredged from Howard Willens' files (HPW, in the lower corner of it). In classes I usually try to give students copies of documents. But you do have to make sure you put it in the proper context either in your speech or on the exhibit itself. As time passes, there is less and less knowledge about even the most basic and obvious facts surrounding the case. This was brought home to me recently, on a humorous note, by an exhibit of old newspapers our library has on display. There were two papers from that time: 11/22/63 and 11/28/63. The 11/28 edition of the Spartanburg Herald/Journal has an Ap Wirephoto of JFK, Jackie, and Gov. Connally all sitting in the back seat! Connally is sitting right next to Jackie. That certainly would have made the impossible single-bullet theory even more impossible. But it is an obvious fake. I suppose someone thought it would be nice to try to capture all of the principals in one photo.

Regarding your plans to visit Harold & Lil, keep me advised. It is possible I may try to hook up with you in April. I know Dennis MacDonald wants to visit. He recently gave a paper at an American Criminal Justice conference in Albuquerque, N.M. on the Dallas police's bungling in the JFK case. He said it went well, but he wants to do more research in the Dallas field office files Harold has. Dennis and I are still planning to expand our paper into a book. He has done some work on it, while I have not done much at all during the past year. Dennis wanted me to ask you if you think you might want to join our project and focus on the failings of the legal profession. Of course, one could easily write a book on any of the principal staff members, such as my buddy Arlen Specter. Summer may be a difficult time for me this year because I will be teaching two sessions of summer school. It is not that I am a masochist or anything, but we need some extra money for a planned trip to California in August to visit my wife's side of the family. Nonetheless, it might be possible to do a long weekend trip (Thurs-Sun.). Students rarely complain when class is called off.

Funny you should mention Bud Moore Racing, because I drive by his place every morning on my way to school.

In any case I hope we will be able to get together this year up in Frederick. Keep in touch.

Best,

*Gary*