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Dear Harold:

I hope this fine day finds you and Lil in good shape. I am sorry I did not write earlier in the week, but I have had a cold.

My buddy Bill Cooper, archivist at UK, has retired. In August. I'll have to butter up the new crew!

Harry Merritt, biographer of Sen. Cooper, is in Lexington but is moving back to Baltimore to be with the Sun. He told me he has some FOIA requests that are real slow from the FBI. I told him, get in line!

He did ask me, where did all the ARRB stuff end up? College Park, MD. Or somewhere else? It looks like it will be years before he gets his Cooper bio written.

He told me our mutual friend Mike York, Pulitzer Prize winner, left the Wash. Post and is working for a Washington law firm. He is a lawyer and journalist. Seems he has done some speaking for tobacco companies.

York and Merritt worked together at the Lexington Herald.

I ordered McKnight's book The Last Crusade and the distributor has run out. New ones on the way.

I enclose a letter I wrote the Filson Club, our local history club. No reply. Too controversial? I am starting to get a better feel for how you have been treated.

Thanks for the Esquire article on Gary Webb. Need to write him a letter, I have his book but have not read it.

Betsy is hard at work on her PHD. She got some kind of nomination for Teacher of the Year. She has to get a notebook computer like Clay -had at your house. About \$2,500 or more!

Looks like Clinton will survive. It absolutely kills Rush Limbaugh and the right that people like Clinton and forgive him. I think the Right is on shaky ground when they claim they are more moral than us sinful Democrats. I have it on good authority that some Republicans have had sex, some are gay, and some even voted for Clinton. And apparently some Republicans are just as adept at draft dodging as Clinton. Gov. Engler of Michigan supposedly got out because he was too fat. Never heard that one!

Take care.

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Dear Dr. Wetherington:

I'm a member of The Filson Club. I have enjoyed your publications and presentations.

My expertise is in the study of the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. This is the 35th anniversary of the president's murder and the 30th anniversary of Dr. King's. As you know, the Justice Department has reopened the investigation into the Dr. King case.

I offer to make a presentation on these two cases. My approach is to look at the facts of the cases, including the use of formerly secret government documents. Most of these documents were released through the Freedom of Information Act.

I have studied these cases with Harold Weisberg, the most accurate author of books on these two crimes. I've also studied with Dr. David Wrone who has recently been seen on the Today show and heard on National Public Radio. I also have shared research with Dr. Gerald McKnight, author of "The Last Crusade" a new book on the final days of Dr. King.

I have dozens of documents that have never been seen by the public which I would like to display.

There are very few competent lectures given on these subjects. I would be glad to discuss the opportunity to give such a lecture.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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