

Dear Harold:

17 April 1998

I received your 4/10 letter in the mail today. I have decided to take your recommendation and to add folic acid to my vitamin C and E supplements along with a daily walking regimen. Having read your letter I have a better understanding of the conditions under which you labor: potential for multiple drug interactions, routine doctor visits, body positions that would make a yogi jealous, and the drive to beat those heretical history-writing "scholars". When I started writing to you, I had ambitions to be a public administration Ph.D. candidate at the Kennedy School of Government (before job instability at the Department of Energy pre-empted it for the near future). I am stunned by my earlier naivete/arrogance, possibly because of reading so many secondary sources on the JFK assassination. Re-typing your manuscripts and reading your letters has underscored that I knew very little to set out on the task to compare and contrast the investigation of a political crime (JFK's assassination) from three perspectives (The Warren Commission, Garrison's prosecution of Clay Shaw, and the HSCA). I have come to realize how little I know and have come to glimpse how much I need to accomplish before I can even start to get a handle on such a project. It looks as though it will be a long term project before I risk demonstrating my ignorance in an academic setting.

In the meantime, how can I support your researching efforts? Do you have anymore manuscripts to retype? I hope you have received the updated bibliography that I sent and that it was of some use to you. I used Internet and Idaho State University library resources in Pocatello, ID (about an hour to the south of Idaho Falls) to make that list as complete as possible.

Some time toward summer's end or early fall I hope to visit you in Frederick. Getting time away is not a problem because I have leave time that I must use or lose. Rather it is cheap transportation and lodging that is the main obstacle. Does Frederick have inexpensive Bed & Breakfasts to your knowledge? I would like to come to visit you, your records repository, and potentially help pull any documents you might need to support your efforts. I am saddened by your loss of help from the college.

Yesterday at the library, I ran across a reference to Stanley J. Marks' *Murder Most Foul*. Do you know if he is still around or where he may reside? I have made arrangements to get his book on Inter-library loan. I am struck by your voracious reading appetite (your letter references reading *Bloody Treason*, *ZR-Rifle*, *Inquest* and *Legend* as your earlier communications have referenced other volumes) and your ability to retain so much as to enable you to critique their facts and "theories".

Please let me know how I might support your continued efforts. I want to help you reclaim our history. In one of the Internet articles I sent in a box with a returned manuscript, the article indicated that an initiative is being pursued to establish a national *Truth Commission of the Assassination of John F. Kennedy* which would be modeled after the South African *Truth Commission* to explore the crimes of Apartheid. What are your views on the potential for its success of efficacy?

Did McKnight ever receive an Internet-transmitted copy of your manuscript successfully? I sent it yet have heard nothing from him by E-mail, telephone or postal mail. If you should speak to him would you inquire?

This will be a short note inserted in a card of encouragement for your efforts and long life. I hope it finds you and Lil' in good health.

Clay O.



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Believe in the
magic
of your
dreams.

A Short note to accompany the
Card. Hope your birthday
was not too Tiring and get
10 years.

Ray Diller

ENCOURAGEMENT

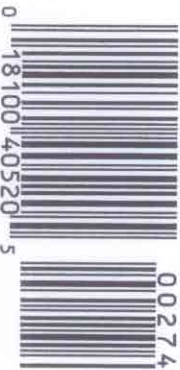


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A dreamer

looks beyond

the limits of today

to the possibilities

of tomorrow,

and sees what can be

instead of settling

for what is.

A dreamer imagines

the most wonderful

new things,

and then finds a way

to make them real.

A dreamer knows

that stars were made

to wish upon and that

wishes do come true.