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Dear Gary,

Alex is a beautiful child! Mou and Katherine have done a remarkable, a wonderful thing with him! His face says so very much! Thanks for the pix.

I've not bought any of the new wave of assassination drek so I've not seen DeEugenio's commercialization and exploitation of it. I was given a copy of Russell's. He said he would send me a copy in return for the help I gave him but he didn't. I read it until I had to give it up. As you may not remember, I never credited Nagell's story as it related to the assassination, never wrote him, never sought to interview him and never bothered to get what Garrison and Fensterwald had about or from him. If you do that "very different view ... from Fran Galt in Springfield Prison" I'd like a copy for archival purposes. 6 Fort Terrace, Boston 02119 is the address. I have no phone for him.

I've not heard from Policoff in a long time and have no idea where he is. He is deep in the nuttiness so I do not miss him.

Frontline was in touch with me and I sent that guy copies of the Martin and Doyle records I have. That is for their coming Oswald profile for the 30th anniversary. They've got ignorant people and conspiracy nuts working for them along with Tony Summers, of whom I do not have a high opinion, and Scott Malone, who has little or no knowledge of the fact. Neither has been in touch with me and both know what I have. Tony has used it extensively and is so cheap a "dirt bag," the description of him by another Irishman, he did not even send me a copy of his book. He and his took many days of our time here. But if they regard a picture of Walker's house as a significant fact worth spending all that time and money on I take this as an advance indication of the junk they will air. And we do not know where they got their Martin film or whether or not it is. The name John Martin is probably more common than another other name in the so-called investigations.

What your father has done is remarkable! I was not as fortunate with my tickle. They found something wrong with my heart they did not try to correct and from the time it was over I've been under instructions not to lift more than 15 lbs. The cellar stairs are a problem but I do work 23 minutes on the Cybex UBE machine (upperbody ergometer) having cut back from 35 that I'd done for a while but found that an hour later I was too tired. Three times a week. Between sleep alnea, uncorrectible in me, and prostate problems I keep abnormal hours but have been productive. I've completed the rough draft of a massive book, probably about 300,000 words that Wrone says is the best yet. Most of the writing in the wee hours when I got up and others were aslpee. I've no idea whether it will be published. Dave Wrone retyped it on his computer. I've not since read it through.

Ecologist, I'm using the clear side of discarded pages, these from a reading copy that was in a notebook. Is, I should say, and many notebooks!

The newest nuttiness of the very nuttiest is Harry Livingstone's irrational adoption of Farewell America as his own work. This and much other falsehood seems to have been fed him in Dallas. He visualizes that conspiracy and second one, of critics who he says prevented his breaking the case open! I'm supposedly the ringleader of the latter and Mary Ferrell and I are both imagined into the former.

The Third Decade nuts are having a confab in Conn. They are soliciting what Evica refers to as ~~shen~~ scholarly papers for it. Of the few subjects, me as a disinformation agent is one. He also promises that they will there name the assassins! If you hear anything I'd like to have it. I think I'll enjoy it very much. It will be a fine self-indictment of those who have deceived, misled and lied to more people than anyone outside the government if you don't include Stone in with them, where he belongs.

How are we? We us at our age as good as can be expected. I have survived more than one can expect to and while I'm weak I can still function. I had a signoidoscopig examination at Johns Hopkins this morning. Local fee-grabbers were about to do colonoscopic examinations and then to remove by that means a polyp they said X-rays showed. I would not run that unnecessary risk, slight with others but not for me, went to Hopkins, and this morning the wonderful woman specialist there exclaimed "Beautiful! Beautiful" each time she moved it in farthur. This was because the Frederick report of a polyp in that part of the lower intestine was wrong and because everything was absolutely clear. She arranged a monitor so I could see it all. No polyp. And she gave me a color picture from the pictures the machine makes when it is used.

The hematologist there is a wonderful man, overly busy but he has always taken time for me and referred me to many of their top people. He picked her. They conferred when I took her the local barium enema X-rays and then before this examination. It was his belief, with which she agreed, that if there were a polyp it should not be removed, as is normal, but that a biopsy specimen be taken. I take it this was risk-balancing. So, I have something to be happy about. And am! And Lil is doing well.

What an unsual experience it was to see my own intestine, live and in living color!

Our best to you all,

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Dear Harold, 30 April 1993

Well, I've somehow found the time to peruse two of the newer assassination books. One is by Jim DeEugenio, which is a vindication of Garrison, and the otheris Dick Russell's book THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH.

Russell, with whom I have never had contact, has done quite a bit of work. Obviously, my interest is the Nagell story. I'd like to write to Russell and let him in on the very different view I got from Fran Galt in Springfield, Prison. Do you have an address or phone number?

I have not ever had the time to make it to any of these assassination conferences or get-togethers--not even the recent one in Chicago. One of our locals, Rick Anderson, attends them and brought me a greeting from Hal Verb and Cyril Wecht. I've been in touch, briefly, with Cyril on another matter--my work on Doctor-patient sex and his presidency, this year, of the Society for Law & Medicine.

I got Jerry's address and wrote him, but have never received a reply. I have no idea what is going on, but given the other unanswered letter and phone messages of a few years aga, I do not expect to hear from him. This is diaappointing since we, to my knowledge, had no falling out whatsoever, and being of similar age had a friendship of sorts beyond interest in the# case.

The major prompting for this letter was two things. It has been a long time and I was thinking of you and Lil, as I always do, when I look at anything which reminds me of the old days.

The second reason was that I got a call from a guy working for Frontline who asked about the John Martin film which surfaced when you did the WLOL radio appearances out her so many years ago. Apparently, on closer examination of the entire film, something I never did because it was supposedly "family" footage, it appears that John Martin shot footage in General Walker's living room after the "Oswald" shooting, when the hold was in the wall! I recall that Martin told us that he had left right wing work when Walker's far right wing stance burned him into a pacifist who was discharged# because he wouldn't pick up a weapon. This would obviously not square with a visit to Walker in Dallas in 1963. Jim Marr's book lists it as a strange coincidence.

I'm still looking around for my copy of the film to screen it and see what they are talking about. If this

is accurate I would have trouble explaining: 1. why Martin told us what he did; 2. why Martin would have given us the film. Unfortunately, there are many John Martin's in the phone book here and I have not had the time to try to locate him. I feel old just saying this--but it was 25 years ago!

Can so much time have passed?

I continue to work at Walk-In Counseling Center and continue to have the luxury of remaining in some portions of the 1960's. We are still a "free clinic"--one of the few real free ones, if not the only one, left. We continue to use volunteers. I am traveling and testify and speaking on abuse by professionals but unfortunately don't get to do much on the east coast--mostly midwest, west, and Canada. I continue to get interviewed a lot and have some impact on trying to get the health care professions and clergy to clean up their acts.

Alex turned five just before Christmas, and will start in kindergarten this fall. He is a happy child, for the most part, and a joy, but we still worry about him. He gets occupational therapy and speech therapy and is still behind on motor skills and development. Fortunately, out here, we have great services in the public schools and that has helped a lot.

My wife, Katherine Gray, after several years of consulting work, is now the VP of a ### small company called Health Risk Management, which was a great break for her. But, her hours are long so I have tried to travel less.

My parents are doing well. After triple by-pass surgery my dad won the Penn Relays 100 yard (75 & over class) last year, and this year came in 3rd against a tougher field of younger runners, besting his own personal best. This has been a real "high" for him and he's running in a lot of seniors events. Even my mother, who hates athletics, now attends. My parents are able to visit out here and visit my sister in Champaign, Illinois, which is good because we're all busy and spread out a ways.

I'm still struggling to balance professional demands with being a father. I recently dropped off the Board of a Children's Hospital to free up some time. I don't know how single parents manage at all.

Well, enclosed are some photos. Alex was a ring-bearer in a wedding in Calif.--that's why the tux in the one.

Give my best to Lil. I hope both of you are well.

Gary