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Dear Gary,

The letter from the MN woman was less unusual than you think. I've heard from several like her in California alone and once was the house guest of a woman I knew had been one of JFK's lady friends. One of her children was the spittin' image.

We are glad you enclosed the picture. Your beautiful boy does appear to be a very happy child. Let us hope it all turns out well!!!

Jim Lesar send me a copy of the Time story you enclose. He was proud, as we all are, of the fine things you've done and do. I wondered when I read the story whether the reporter erred or if you'd done your dissertation.

I was not aware that Fred had a slide show of any kind. I did think he'd taken the picture. Unless he sold copies of his slide show that does not explain how the FBI got copies or why it did.

Maybe I'll prod Rookstool a bit. I've not made up my mind, It is not important but I was curious about how he got that picture and why he did not identify himself as an FBI SA.

Two Baltimore policemen friends are leaving for Dallas today. One has become friendly with a retired Dallas detective, Lavelle. They may or may not look Rookstool up. Maybe I'll write him aftr they return, if they do speak to him. Lavelle has a married daughte who livesnot far away in Virginia and visits her from time to time. They will be his guests when in Dallas. One has his master's in criminology. He is a fine fellow married to a lawyer. They visit us from time to time and have two unusual and wonderful boys who love to hunt crawfish and frogs here and collect rocks and even carry books to read when they don't want to do anything else. The older one, about 8, was reading an adult paperback a few days ago!

Marina's attitude is sort of schizo. She phones me infrequently and says she'd like to clear Lee's name. I've invited them up, telling them they can have access to and copies of anything I have but they've not accepted the invitation. I think that Lifton conned her into believing he'll do what she wants done and then used her as a shill for his self-promotions that are also designed to seal the VCR cassette he's made and I hear is selling very well. He says he is doing a book on Oswald.

I don't remember whether I sent you a copy of that rare man, Sammie Abbott, who helped me so much at the first. I'll try to remember to include a Post story on the memorial meeting and of a letter I've written his wife. We are snowed in and the desk is really cluttered!

We hope all goes well with all of you, Alexander in Particular.

Best,

Harold

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Dear Harold,

It was good to hear from you. That letter from the woman in Mpls. was unusual to say the least. I'll let you know if I hear from her.

As for the photo of you with the rifle, I remember seeing one such photo that was taken by Fred I thought showing you holding the rifle. In fact, Fred may have included it in his slide show on the rifle photo.

I lost track of Fred and Marilynn many years ago. The best bet to locate them is probably Mary Ferrell.

I just got a call from Ross Ralston, who's back in graduate school, this time in Iowa, and desperately trying to get his Ph.D. in sociology. Departmental politics and, I suspect, his own flakiness, got in the way of his getting a degree at the U. of Missouri. For a while there whenever he called it was late at night and he was high on something.

Our lives continue to be busy. Alexander continues to grow and develop and finally, at age 3 (Dec. 22), the doctors are willing to bet against the one remaining nightmare--a Prader-Willi syndrome. We're not out of the woods for another two years--it would involve an inability to stop eating, limited intelligence, and life in a group home. Pretty grim. But, while not wanting to get our hopes up too high, I'm pretty convinced that he doesn't have it. Now it remains to be seen how well he catches up. He gets physical therapy and speech therapy, but it is really up to mother nature.

He ###### remains an exceedingly happy and fun-loving and affectionate little boy...a real joy, except for the worry.

Katherine is still out of work, but has picked up some consulting work. I've had to take on more expert witness work than I want--all in either professional malpractice cases or lawsuits against clergy who have abused parishioners. Our original gameplan was for me to cut back and try to get my dissertation done, but that didn't work out. Now, I am again trying to get one done, hopefully this spring.

I don't know where the time goes.

I'm amazed at the number of programs and books on the case which still keep emerging. However, the TV stuff has been real fluff...to have Dave Lifton interview Marina Oswald is a bit much!

We've had a good deal of excitement out here, getting rid

of a right wing gubernatorial candidate through a sex scandal and then Rudy Boswitz's loss to Paul Wellstone.

Well, I'd better get back to work.

The best to you and Lil for a happy and productive 1991.

Gary

PS: Enclosed is a photo of Alex and Katherine.

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