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DEAR HAROLD,

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 8/6/93
AND CONGRATS ON YOUR 51ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.
MY WIFE AND I CELEBRATED OUR 22ND IN JULY,
BUT COMPARED TO YOU, IT HARDLY SEEMS WORTH
MENTIONING. HA.

I REGRET THE THEFT/LOSS OF
YOUR BEST EVIDENCE ANALYSIS. I AM FASCINATED
BY ALL THIS CONTROVERSY AND AGONIZE OVER
NOT KNOWING SPECIFICALLY WHAT OR WHO TO
BELIEVE REGARDING THE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS,
THE VARIOUS THEORIES, THE CHARGES AND
COUNTERCHARGES (YOU, LIFTON, GRODEN, LIVINGSTON,
CROUCH ET. AL) MAKE ABOUT THE MEDICAL
EVIDENCE, THE PHOTOS AND LIFTON'S THEORIES.
I REGRET NOT KNOWING THE SPECIFICS OF
WHAT YOU KNOW. IT'S SO IMPORTANT!!

AN ASSOCIATE OF MINE BROUGHT THE
BETHESDA TECHNICIANS TOGETHER LAST DECEMBER
AND VIDEOTAPED THEIR RECOLLECTIONS - REIBE,
DENNIS DAVID, JENKINS, O'CONNOR, CUSTER. IT'S
AMAZING VIEWING. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THOSE
MEN BELIEVE THAT THE AUTOPSY PHOTOS SHOWING
JFK'S (BACK OF) HEAD ARE FAKE.

AS I PROMISED, I WROTE TO

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EVICA IN AN EFFORT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS "DISINFORMATION AGENT" POSITION PAPER BUSINESS.

TODAY I RECEIVED A HEFTY PACKET FROM EVICA WHICH INCLUDED A FOUR PAGE LETTER FROM EVICA TO ME, JACK WHITE, JIM MARRS AND GARY MACK, DATED 8/14/93. (I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF IT ALTHOUGH I FEAR ITS CONTENTS MIGHT ENRAGE YOU ALL OVER AGAIN).

THIS WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE IRONY SINCE MY ROLE HERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THE OBJECTIVE, UNEFFECTED PEACE MEDIATOR. (AT LEAST, THAT'S MY VIEWPOINT).

MR. EVICA ALSO INCLUDED WRONE'S 5/2/93 POSITIVE APPRAISAL OF YOU, YOUR LETTERS TO EVICA OF 6/21/93 AND 7/7/93, EVICA'S LETTER TO YOU OF 6/25/93, ROSE'S LETTER TO YOU OF 7/21/93, DRAGO'S LETTER TO YOU OF 7/15/93, YOUR LETTERS TO EVICA OF 7/14/93 AND 7/15/93 AND 8/4/93... AND FINALLY EVICA'S LETTER OF 8/8/93 TO YOU. WHEW. ✓

MY FIRST REACTION AFTER READING ALL OF THIS IS — HOLY SHIT.!! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PLAY PEACE MAKER AFTER ALL

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OF THESE LETTERS.

I KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE. JUST AS IN THE CASE OF THE LITTON/FEINMAN SITUATION, I'M GLAD I'M NOT TRULY INVOLVED AND I HAVE NO INTENT OR DESIRE TO GET CAUGHT UP IN ALL OF THIS EITHER.

HOWEVER, I BELIEVE I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TRY TO CALMLY SORT OUT WHAT WENT WRONG, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.

HERE GOES. I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT CHARLES DRAGO, I HAVEN'T DEALT WITH EVICA BEFORE AND MY DEALINGS WITH ROSE HAVE BEEN LIMITED, LONG AGO, AND BASICALLY AS AN EDITOR TO WRITER LEVEL. THUS I HAVE NO HIDDEN AGENDAS.

(EVICA, I GUESS)
FOR STARTERS, THESE MEN SHOULD HAVE CONTACTED YOU FIRST TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND AND WHY. ... HOWEVER ROSE AND DRAGO IN THEIR LETTERS TO YOU ACCEPTED BLAME FOR THIS. THEY APOLOGIZED FOR BEING INAPPROPRIATE AND UNINTENTIONALLY "HURTING" YOU.

DRAGO UNDERSTOOD YOUR ANGER AND I DO TOO. I'D BE MIGHTY PISSED MYSELF.

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INTEND TO MALIGN, UPSET, AND HURT YOU.

I'M REMINDED OF WHAT MY FATHER USED TO SAY — "IF YOU ARGUE WITH A FOOL, THERE ARE TWO FOOLS ARGUING". HENRY HURT CALLED HIS FEUD WITH GARY MACK — "A SKUNK PISSING CONTEST ... NO ONE WINS"

NOW I'M NOT CALLING ANYONE A FOOL OR SKUNK, GOD FORBID. /HA.!

BUT I THINK IT'S BEST TO CLOSE THE DOOR ON ALL OF THIS. THESE MEN HAVE TRIED HONORABLY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS TO PURSUE THE CASE. GRANTED, THEY AREN'T HAROLD WEISBERG. LIKE ME, OVER THE YEARS, THEY MAY BELIEVE CERTAIN THINGS ABOUT THE CASE AND EVENTUALLY LEARN THEY WERE WRONG. I CERTAINLY KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THIS CASE, BUT COMPARED TO YOU, I'M AN IGNORANT MAN, I SUPPOSE. HOWEVER, I HAVE, UPON OCCASION, AIDED YOU, TRUE? ALSO, I KNOW SOME THINGS YOU DON'T, TRUE?

THUS IF I AM IGNORANT OF MANY AREAS (IE LIFTON'S THEORY AS AN UNWITTING FRAUD, AS YOU SAY), I'LL ACCEPT THAT, BUT I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD GIVE ME SOME

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MY NEXT REACTION IS BASED ON MY OWN INSTINCTS, SINCE I CAN'T PROVE I'M RIGHT ON THIS NEXT POINT, BUT I BET I'M RIGHT.

WHILE I'VE NEVER MET LIVINGSTONE, HIS REPUTATION IS UGLY! MY ASSOCIATES CALL HIM SELF-SERVING, CAUSTIC, POMPUS, BIASED, DISHONEST, OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE . . . AN ASSHOLE!

I THINK YOU ASSUMED THAT EVICA, DRAGO, ROSE WERE, IN SOME CAPACITY, ADVANCED AD HOMINEM MEN FOR LIVINGSTONE, AND I BET THAT IS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE. IN FACT I BET EVICA, DRAGO, AND ROSE AREN'T FOND OF LIVINGSTONE AT ALL EITHER.

ONCE THE NAME CALLING BEGINS, NOTHING NICE CAN RESULT. I APPRECIATE YOUR ANGER, I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FRUSTRATION AT NOT RECEIVING IMMEDIATE RESPONSES, AND I KNOW YOU'RE ALREADY FIT TO BE TIED OVER LIFTON/HOOD COLLEGE/FEINMAN, YOUR IMPENDING BOOK PRESSURES, THE LOSS OF THE LIFTON ANALYSIS, YOUR HEALTH, THE OLIVER STONE CONTROVERSY, AND THE FORTHCOMING LIVINGSTONE BOOK, BUT I HONESTLY DON'T BELIEVE THESE GUYS

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RESPECT AS A SINCERE SMALL FISH IN A BIG POND WHO CONTRIBUTED IN SOME POSITIVE MANNER . . . EVEN IF I UNWITTINGLY BELIEVE SOME THINGS THAT YOU KNOW AREN'T TRUE.

SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO YOU THOUGHT I WAS UNDERMINING YOUR REPUTATION WHEN RITA ASKED TO SEE A FEW LETTERS CRITICAL OF YOU WRITTEN BY FRED NEWCOMB. REMEMBER? YOU WENT NUTS! (I EVEN HESITATE TO BRING THIS UP AGAIN FOR FEAR YOU WILL GET ANGRY AGAIN).

HELL, I MEANT NO HARM AND RITA CERTAINLY DIDN'T. SHE ^{"VIRTUALLY"} LOVED / TRUSTED ONLY YOU AND ME. I TRIED MY BEST SEVERAL TIMES TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THAT ONLY RITA SAW THE LETTERS AND WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THEM. I NEVER PUT ANY STOCK IN NEWCOMB'S ACCUSATIONS JUST AS I IGNORED JOHANN RUSH'S ALLEGATIONS.

AS FOR MARRS AND WHITE, GARY MACK, WHOM I CONSIDER A FRIEND, WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE THAT END OF IT.

YES, I THINK THE THIRD DECADE DISINFORMATION PAPER WAS A POORLY CONCEIVED IDEA. YES, YOU DESERVED BEING CONTACTED

PS YOUR REAL WAR
IS CLEARLY WITH ⁽⁷⁾
LIVINGSTONE / LIFTON,
NOT THESE GUYS.

AHEAD OF TIME AND IMMEDIATELY ONCE YOU
CONFRONTED THEM, BUT I BELIEVE THERE
IS NOTHING MORE TO IT.

I'LL CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT
AS AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER, THIS IS MOST
UNFORTUNATE AND DOES NOT FURTHER OUR
KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE, SOMETIMES ^{WE,} CRITICS,
ARE OUR OWN WORST ENEMIES.

HELL, I'M FAR FROM PERFECT. I
CAN BLOW IT JUST AS EASY AS THE NEXT GUY,
BUT I'VE LEARNED A FEW THINGS FROM THIS
INCIDENT. (WHICH IS FORTUNATE SINCE I WASN'T
INVOLVED). I ALSO KNOW THAT INSULTS
ARE LIKE STONES. ONCE THROWN, THEY
CAN NEVER BE RETRIEVED. I THINK
YOU GUYS OUGHT TO BURY THE HATCHET
AND FOCUS ON SEARCHING FOR HISTORICAL
TRUTHS INSTEAD OF ONE ANOTHER'S HEADS.

WITH MY LUCK, ALL FOUR OF YOU
WILL END UP PISSED AT ME, AND BEST
OF FRIENDS WITH ONE ANOTHER. HA. —

PS WE CAN'T EVEN GET
OUR NAMES RIGHT. YOU
CALLED EVICA ... EUITA AND
HE CALLED ME
EDWARD. HA. —

BEST WISHES,
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(SASE ENCLOSED).

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PS ONE OTHER ISSUE - ENCLOSED JUNE 9, 1969
DOD APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1970 CONGRESSIONAL
HEARING.

SEE P129!

DID UNCLE SAM INVENT / CREATE
AIDS!

YOUR REACTION?

Ed