

Dear Hal,

2/5/96

It was but five hours before my bedtime when I was able to get the mail. There are other letters and order so to get this to you and to encourage you not to waste your time on Histry's drek, you first. I've finished what I'll write<sup>ten</sup> on that, about 75,000 words, and if there is a single thing of worth in it I did not see it. It is unintended self-exposure to those few who are informed but to those of us who are it is like gilding lilies. Spend that time on your own work, I urge. You can't keep up with all that is bad and do anything else so don't try.

The weather has been as severe as TV indicates. We had almost 30 inches and before that was gone we got another 8-10 Friday night/Saturday morning. Along with temperature this a.m. at 3 above, less with the windchill. The previous snows a neighbor who works for the government in DC took care of us on. He has a 4x4 pickup with a blade. He had to work Saturday so I sat and waited, not intending to go out anyway. I was sitting and typing and suddenly became aware of a scraping sound. I looked and there was a strange shovelling where he could not plow. He'd plowed the lane and I was not aware of it. Turns out he is a great-nephew I'd never met! His father-in-law is out nephew. As a child we took him with us when we went to town, with his friends he chose. His parents were divorced, his mother was working in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia and Lil's mother was raising him. Once when he needed a nose operation I cared for him and after it. Lil was working regularly then, I was free-lancing. I do not know how much of that he remembers but he has a successful paving business with a snow-clearing winter-time sideline. He has taken care of all the family, giving them all good jobs, even starting them in their own businesses in which he also uses him. So, they all do what he says and ask no questions. They love and trust him. The previous snow he'd sent someone who could not find our place. We learned when he sent one of his grandsons, who used to spend much time here when he was young, to do what he could do. By then it was frozen and he could do nothing. But he apparently did see to it that others knew where we live. Thus the man I'd never seen was here and almost finished before I was aware of it. The one thing I asked him to do was to plow away from the mailbox what the road-scraping throws to the side of the road. Thus, today, not trying to be outside the car from both the cold and the slipperiness, I could get to it from the car.

Last Saturday early morning for the first time in weeks I saw a Wash Post deliveryman for the area who I've known from my early morning super-market walking for some years. He asked me my last name and phone. Why? He'd been trying to get in touch with me to tell me to let him know if we need anything. Give me his and what I did not know, his last name. Told me best time to call him is about 6 a.m. because he is then home and relaxing before going to sleep. I learned from the night crew at

that <sup>super</sup> shopping market that he'd been asking them my last name. They know my first and some knew the last begins with Weis.... A real mensch and a real friend! But when for so long I did not dare leave neighbors came and asked what they could get for us when they went shopping.

I've been and remain a bit clogged up. Last week my dentist sent me to a specialist in micro-dentistry for an opinion that resulted in the recommendation of a root canal. When he started to get ready for that the <sup>tooth</sup> broke off in his fingers. So, back the next day and he did that job. Now my dentist will finish it up Wednesday with some kind of reconstruction. Tomorrow I have to get to the dealer to get a loose motor mount <sup>N</sup> fixed. Had to postpone that because of the root canal. Then the next day, aside from the reconstruction, my regular visit to the dermatologist who has removed two or three cancers and has burned off innumerable pre-cancerous growths with liquid nitrogen <sup>e</sup> that turns into a gas, I think.

Nonetheless, ~~the~~ this morning I got more than 3,000 words done on the next book ms. Plus leaving with the temperature barely above zero for first a blood test, the physical therapy and then the regular visit to the podiatrist, ordered by the hospital after my second emergency operation from the implanting of the artificial artery in my left thigh.

These things take time but are necessary.

But I fear these storms are not over for the season. I remember from when we farmed and farmers had to pay attention to both weather and its signs that this kind of winter tends to repeat itself in more or less five day cycles. May not all be snow, but I can remember a year when it was. What a year when I had to deliver what we raised!!!

Once again the enclosures, which seem interesting, will wait until I'm tired and sit and read or for my coffee when I awaken.

I ~~may~~ know nothing about the computer networks but do know that Lifton used at least once, CompuServe, heavily and threatened to sue them to keep off it those who opposed <sup>him</sup> it. That was sent me. Datto for Posner and threats.

Before reading his article, if Case wants to carry that forward he should make a FOIA request locally for what they gave me. He'll find some interesting things in it, including that Alvarez grafted federal money for his Scientific American reprint. He expressed fear that proxmire would learn of it and have a field day.

As you may know, <sup>E</sup> Doug De Salles repeated that melonry the right way and got the <sup>opposite</sup> results. Even that was unscientific for that Nobel laureate and his ~~my~~ political line.

I have since heard that Lifton's book is now slated for the fall.

Again, and in haste, many thanks,

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Dear Hal:

Today on the radio I heard that another big storm was over the east coast and I hope this doesn't hit too hard in your area.

As I promised I'm enclosing zerox copies of articles which I didn't get around to making until today. Working on my book proposal has cut into the extra time I needed.

On the enclosed there are a few items I wanted to call your attention to. But first I did want to mention the various articles, letters, etc. on Oliver Stone's movie, "Nixon", which apparently must've lost money as it did not have "staying power" at the box office. Of course the articles on the "Nixon" movie are yours for the keeping.

I wanted to first call your attention to the 5 page item which has the title, "Lee Harvey Oswald" - [IMAGE]. What it is is the paper and talk I gave to the COPA conference held in Washington this past year (Oct., 1995).

My talk apparently appeared in the World Wide Web (WWW). I didn't know it had until someone wrote me that he had seen it on WWW. I wrote to this person and he was kind enough to send me a print out. Since I don't own a computer and have no access to either Internet or WWW there are undoubtedly things being put out that you and I know know nothing about. This, as is obvious, can create a situation where all sorts of junk and trash can appear. How would anyone conducting a serious scrutiny of the existing data be able to tell the good from the bad. In any event the copy I've enclosed is yours to keep.

I've also copies from the latest "Dallas '63" journal (Dec. 1995). Note especially Mary Ferrell's two page letter to them & her serious health problems. I've not been in touch with her for months. Please also note my article, "The Photographic and Ballistic Evidence" which, again, is yours to keep. There is also an article by a Fred Litwin who goes after Harrison Livingstone not in the way I would but still does something to point out his ridiculous notions.

Then also there is article I've included from the latest issue of "The Fourth Decade" (Jan., 1996) & I wanted you to especially note the article by Gene Case who writes on "Scientific Slumming with Luis Alvarez". You'll recall that Case asked me not to send a copy of the abstract he sent me to anyone until his article got published. Now that it is out I'm sending you a copy from the "Fourth Decade" issue.

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Gene Case, in his article, mentions your original work on the blur analysis of the Z film as you'll see when you read his article. I met Gene at the COFA event and introduced him to Douglas Salles. Gene has given me permission to use his material for my proposed book. Let me know what you think of his analysis.

I've not yet picked up the Hosty book but will do so in the near future. I hope I can read it quick enough as time permits. If it is as bad as you say it is, I think I'll send out some book reviews on it.

As for Liftin's book, again, I've not come across it but when I visit a few book stores I'll check to see if it is in or due to come out. No one else I know has told me his book is out.

Well, I do want to get this in today's mail so I guess I'll close now.

I hope you can survive the recent storms you've been hit with.

Best,  
Hal Verb