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Dear Henry,

I'm glad to get your letter although I've had to lay that particular work aside. What you remember is in precise accord with what I'd picked up and with what I hope does not shock you too much, what ~~they~~^{those} people did with both Senator Russell, with whom I had a relationship in which he encouraged my work until his death, and as Russell told me and I've just been able to conform from another solid source, with Senator Cooper. They both disagreed with the Warren Report and the "compromise" worked out, as Russell clearly understood only too late, conned them and wiped out any meaningful "dissent," Russell's word to me. There was no court reporter present when you were there with of the Members only Warren, with Rankin, ~~there~~. I do not doubt that some staff was but no records I have reflect that. By their own procedures they were to have had court reporters both times. Russell and Cooper knew that. So they assumed the stenographer was one. She ~~wasn't~~^{was}!

Friend, before I go any farther, please in your own interest avoid getting involved in any of the present and coming controversies unless you are absolutely certain on two points that could be contriverted: you are certain you were fully informed and that you are certain of your recollection. I know that you have forgotten ~~what~~^{one thing} you told me because you have since said the opposite. On one point only, whether Oswald could have done that shooting. I'm into too much now and I'll add later because what you told me made sense but for now believe me the best shots they could get, under vastly improved conditions and with the junky rifle overhauled^{ed}, were not able to duplicate the shooting attributed to Oswald. Reminds me, there is a hot book our early, Case Closed. Stay away from any comment on it. It is the most deliberately and extensively dishonest of all the books. I'm annotating it now.

Henry, ~~one~~^{none} of those Jim Dillard once referred to as "the federales" trusted you. I have no reason that outside some in the FBI this was personal. It is that they absolutely had to control and if you had anything you lost their control for them. You may remember I sent you a number of FBI Ruby records not in your file and you did not have.

That little black book was Oswald's addressbook. He had Hosty's name, license and phone numbers in it. The FBI omitted them in a supposedly verbatim transcription. When ~~caught~~^{caught} it got away with a childish explanation. If you had had that book and could have made out the significance of other entries, that too could have embarrassed "the federales."

Unless you feel you cannot or should not avoid it, I urge you to be detached from

any comments on or controversies over the current and coming books. If you for some reason think you should, I'll help you all I can. But among the new health problems I continue to survive with some productivity are two that get me up too soon. I was getting so little sleep I started retiring earlier. That does often let me get a little more, albeit often interrupted sleep. So I aim to retire by 7 our time, 6 yours, because I am not infrequently unable to sleep by 1 a.m. and sometimes earlier. 301/473-8186.

Please do not advertise this. A friend who is a lawyer in publishing is arranging with a small publisher he represents to copublish with him the last book I've completed. I'm deep into another so I've not asked any questions. I know nothing about and have not taken the time to learn who the copublisher is or when the book will appear or anything else about it. The main reason is that I do not know how much more time I have and with knowledge others do not have and without being involved in any theorizing of either conspiracies or solutions - a lonely place in that middle but I prefer it. I want to get as much on paper as I still can. This coming book, NEVER AGAIN!, is large, at least 250,000 words, and absolutely definitive. It will tell you why you were not trusted, although that, of course, was not its purpose. Title, NEVER AGAIN! in the sense of not here and broader than the crime itself.

Thanks for asking about my health. It can't get better but then I'm so lucky that it is not deteriorating as fast as it could- and I can still function.

Thanks and best wishes, friend,

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Dear Harold:

Belatedly, I want to answer your letter because it had so many interesting things in it that I did not know anything about.

I believe Rankin did the questioning at that hearing of the Warren Commission, and I believe the Chief Justice was there, but I am not sure about that. There were a number of other people present and I thought there was a court reporter there, or someone taking down notes.

I certainly appreciate all of the information you sent me. You seem to know a whole lot more about what was happening there than I did. I never did see the little black book they always talked about. I don't know if there was one or where it disappeared to if there was one.

I hope your health is better and you keep me informed. If I can help you, I will be glad to.

Your friend,

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