

12/30/97

Dear Scott,

The enclosed copy of my letter to the ARRB answers your question about JFK and getting our boys back from VN, I hope!

Clippings good and useful, thanks. I'll use more of them today in what I'm working on now. I've about 45,000 words written on Faking Kennedy: The Dark Side of Sy Hersh.

I've been working on other manuscripts, too.

I do walk just about daily. Too early to see if there is any road traffic after the snow, which here seems not to be very heavy, so this morning I'll wait until daylight, then I'll go to the nearby supermarket where they do not mind my walking there. I can walk better with a cart than with a can. I do that

four or more mornings a week, more if I go there before going to the building where the medical lab is for blood tests. I can't walk fast but with an occasional stop to make a purchase I usually put a half hour in that way.

Usually it is before daylight when only stock clerks are there. They do not mind if daylight.

Hope all of you have a good year. Best to Stanke when you are in touch with him.

Sincerely,

Harold  
Many Thanks!

12/26/97

Dear Harold,

Happy Holidays. Hope you are both doing well. Enclosed find JFK related news clippings. Could you comment on the articles pertaining to JFK limiting the CIA in VietNam and his plans for an early exit? Just purchased the Warren Commission 26 volumes and report on CD Rom. It is amazing what can be fitted on a CD Rom. Bought it from Andy for \$85. Also purchased a printer for my computer so I am printing the volumes one at a time. Just started reprinting and reading testimony Rankin received from Marina. Am on vacation now till 1/5/98 so I've been watching some of my JFK videos namely Frontline from 1993 Who was Oswald? Spoke to Mike Stanke by phone and he sends you both his regards. Was also wondering what you've been up with writing and reading. Are you still able to walk this winter? Our weather has been mild here because of ElNino.

Have a blessed Holiday Season and a healthy New Year.

Scott

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Dear Jeremy,

A copy of the New York Times 12/23 story on the disclosure of the JCS records in yesterday's mail reminded me of my interview of General James Gavin in early June of 1967 or 1968. What I remember of that suggests that there may be additional similar records in other army files or in personal archives.

I was asked in an emergency, the man who owned the syndicated show not having turned up, to do the interviews at the annual American Booksellers Association convention for Authors' Roundtable. One of those <sup>who</sup> had a book that had just appeared was General Gavin.

In the course of the interview he confirmed that JFK had ordered that 1,000 of our men be returned from VN by the end of the year. He went farther. He told me that JFK had called generals in to persuade them.

The argument he told me JFK used stuck in my mind because it was so simple and yet so true. He told the generals he called in that the problem in VN was political and not military and then asked, "What can I do to convince you," or "what can I say," "I'm now not certain which," "that political problems are not susceptible of military solutions?"

How I wish it were possible for me to go over those disclosed JCS records that relate to the withdrawal alone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg