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Dear Gary,

Thanks very much for your 3/28 and the generous enclosures.

But you did not answer my letter. ^{By e-mail} Nor have I heard from Mantik or Fetzer. Who I think is a strange man.

On your offer of a collection of records, by subject, I'll be more than happy to get any of that, particularly after ARRB, because I've been able to do little but write for several years and because when my wife and I were hospitalized and then in a nursing home, a couple of Medicare frauds that were very hurtful, I was robbed several times. Except for an antique brass candlestick, I'm not aware of anything being taken other than files. There is no doubt at all that some was stolen for Lifton by a Baltimore cop, who worked first for Livingstone and then also for Lifton. So, with the agreement years old, I asked Hood College, which will get everything, to please come and get what was in the basement. It took two trips for an interstate moving van. Included was what I called my "subject" file. To the degree possible for me as I read the FBI records I made duplicate copies that I filed by name or subject. The kind of docs. you sent ^{file} ideally in that. If you do, please staple to it that you are the source so the archive will reflect that.

It had not been safe for me to go down to the basement since 1992 so I have no idea how much was stolen from down there where those files go over those records and make copies actually stole them instead of making copies. Some with a special file on my desk of what I ~~then~~ thought would be of general interest. All sort of people with a wide variety of interest have used these files. Most are those with whom I did not agree.

I'm leaving it up to Hood to make a formal announcement because they have to try and ^{get} fundation support to be able to have an archivist see to it that there is no more thievery, among other things

For my age and the many medical problems I've had I'm lucky ^{to} still be here. I'll be 88 Sunday. But in recent years, particularly the last 4 or 5, when I had no access to the vast store of documents

in the basement I had to figure out a way I could still work. This was in part because when I decided to go head to head with the FBI in an effort to end its perjury, it blinked and got away with the irrelevant, that I could make that charge "ad infinitum" because I know more about the JFK assassination than anyone working for the FBI. I had to use that knowledge as long as possible. The other reason, as several of my many doctors have told me, my work is my best medicine.

With the JAMA atrocity, which was the basis for a book, I saw that I could be of use by making a record for history. Rather improving the record for history. I am doing that in rough drafts of book, now well over 20 of them.

I am working on the Fetzner second book now, but thanks for the second copy that will be in the archive. Mine is all marked up. I am of limited mobility and have to keep my legs elevated when I'm not walking so making notes is not always convenient. So I use a highlighter as I read.

I know that you (pl) are saying that the WC was not honest and took liberties with the evidence. If that is all the book aims to do that answers my question. But I wondered if you (pl) were aiming at more. I wanted you people to tell me so I'd have it correct.

I'm sorry that you took what was intended as constructive criticism as insults. I'm also sorry that you did not take some of it seriously, particularly what prompted you and Mantik to fall silent. There is much that is not generally known that is vital to understanding. And to saving precious time.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg

by the way, those notes at the bottom of pages on those Dallas FBI records are generally indication of a tickler. Ask Tilley if any were included. All should have been and they have many. But not generally in the general file. Often in desks. Some I've gotten were pretty interesting.

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Dear Harold:

I received your letter today, March 26, 2001. I am delighted to hear from you and would be only too happy to help you in any way I can. ^{wrote} The first matter that you might have an interest in regarding Dr. Mantik and I dug up would be in a book which I am enclosing with this letter. I cannot vouch, however, for the contribution to this book by Jack White. Nevertheless, Murder in Dealy Plaza contains a chapter I wrote and a couple of chapters David (Mantik) has written. I believe that David's insights are very compelling, and very probably true, but I believe his writing style, though potentially vastly better than mine, is a little less easy to follow, I have been told, because I don't think that he has rewritten it as often as what I have written. There are a couple of other things that you might have a great interest in hearing about as well.

I would like to thank you at the outset for the contributions you have made to Commission exhibit #399. You may recall your questioning, in Post-Mortem and in White Wash, the bona fides of Commission exhibit #399. It might interest you to know that there has been further developments on that front which ^{would merit} merit some attention, I should hope. The first is that whereas in CE #2011 it states that Bardell Odum carried #399 around and that Tomlinson and Wright looked at it and claimed that it resembled the bullet they found on 11-22, ^{the next} the next people in that bullet chain or possession, Johnson and Rowley, of the Secret Service, were reported to have said could "not identify" it. No comment was attributed to them about their having seen a resemblance. Nothing. I dug out all the FBI memos, and would be happy to send them to you, regarding interviews which are referred to inferentially in Commission exhibit #2011 and, suffice it to say, no early document supports the contention in 2011 that they ever said that they saw a resemblance. It simply doesn't exist in the files anywhere that I can find, and I have confirmation from the Archives' Steve Tilley that no other documents exist on the subject.

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We then had the report, as you may know, from Thompson in 1967 that Wright told him the bullet he saw on 11-22 did not in any way resemble CE 399. The loop was not closed until Thompson gave me Bardwell-Odum's phone number and I wrote him and called him late last year.

While the process is not yet completed, I will tell you that I spoke with Odum on a recorded line and ^{that} Odum, who is reported in 2011 to have taken the bullet around to Tomlinson and Wright, told me he never had the bullet, he never took it to Parkland, and he knew personally Wright and would have known had he done that. So unless it was someone besides Odum who carried 399 around to Tomlinson and Wright, we have internal FBI memos that appear to have been false about the appearance of that evidence, according to the witnesses.

As you might have guessed, more work is needed on this subject to fully close the loop but the noose is fairly tight already.

I am sorry for the haphazard nature of this letter but I am writing it via dictation and I want to get it to you as soon as I go because I am going to be away for a few days.

Best wishes to you and your wife. I will try to call. I am, and will always remain,

Very truly yours,



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3/19/01

Dea^r Gary,

I'll appreciate knowing what you, Mantik and Fetzer think is significant new assassination information you have brought to light, what its significance is and what your objective is. I intend this for some of my own writing and I want to be certain that I have that correctly.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold

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