

Dear Jeff,

11/2/78

Thanks for your 11/1.

I have the xeroxes of the Max JFK sketches, thanks. I was hoping for better materials for a ~~slide~~ slide or two. I'm having them made for the xeroxes. If you have other occasion to seek them in your files, they are part of the Baden narration and in a supplement to it.

On the staff Nosenko report, as distinguished from the narration, the sooner I can go over that for ⁱⁿ the better. I do not know when oral arguments will be.

On their stonewalling you for copies of the exhibits, they probably can. But they can't (legally) deny you access once it becomes public record.

Remember, I have the Nosenko narration.

They are foresighted in withholding the Guinn report after it is in the record. You can examine it or make a real fuss if they refuse to let you see what is in the record. Their reason is they know there are substantial question, as a matter of evidence, too.

As I believe I said, my immediate interests are limited to possible uses in FOIA cases. Aside from the slides for an appearance.

I refer you to two parts of your closing comment, described as personal. First you said that what I wrote you serves no "constructive purpose." This means you refused to think about it. Then you offered me 2,000 words for your newsletter. That does not interest me and I'm not particularl concerned about what your readers think or believe about me. My personal concern was over a larger audience, when you represent that you speak for the critics. To them please make it clear, "except Weisberg."

Instead of knee-jerk reaction to what I said that you did not like why do you not reread it and ask yourself about it and what may underlie it. Try being your own devil's advocate.

One of the advantages of age is the number of personal mistakes upon which one can draw, bad experiences from which one learns. One of the disadvantages of youth is the reduced opportunities for making bad mistakes and learning from them. One of the common problems of youth is an unwillingness to recognize that others drawn upon experiences unknown to those who have not lived them.

You realize that what I wrote you I did not go public with. My purposes were limited. One was to disassociate myself from your coming inability to undo what you have done and the other was to get you to take a good look at what I see you still doing. As I have learned it was wisdom of Santayana, if we do not learn from the past we relive it.

Your King thing was an atrocity. Collectively you do not know enough to make such representations, particularly not with the pose of speaking for all, whether or not you make it explicit. But your ego-tripping, not recognized for what it is, precluded your making even a perfunctory check to see if it was even reasonable. Which it isn't.

I'm not going to get into a pissing match with you(all). I understand that you did enough of that at the worst possible time.

Each thing I now do is at the cost of something I will never be able to do. I would not have taken this time this evening if I had not taken a hard fall today. I've seen the doctor and no special problems. But I am uncomfortable a bit and I will be getting stiffer and stiffer until it passes of. I don't want to try to concentrate on what I was working on under these conditions so I make another effort to get you to examine yourself(ves). You did badly. Try to learn from it. If you don't you'll keep ~~in~~ repeating it.

Excuse the typos. Mail heavy today. Sincerely,

November 1, 1978

Dear Harold,

A few points re: your note to me of 10/28.

1- I'll be glad to send you the HSCA monthly reports through the end of the year (consider yourself paid in full).

2- The HSCA has been stalling us also on acquiring or photographing their exhibits. I'm presently working on getting some of them and may have some better results by next week. We do not have any slides yet, nor even a list of their exhibits. If and when we get them (at this point when that will be is unclear) you can of course have access to whatever you need at the cost for duplication.

3- I believe, off the top of my head, that we presently do have xeroxs from the HSCA press handouts of the Dox drawings you mention in your letter. These are not glossies however. If you want copies of these let me know, although you should be able to get them for free from the HSCA (Dawne Miller, 225-6587). The Guinn report is not available from the HSCA until the final report is released -- at least that is what I was told during the hearings by a staff counsel. We do have a copy of the staff Nosenko Report (that was contained in a press handout) and I'll have a copy made for you as soon as I can -- it's about 40 pages long.

One additional point -- a brief and respectful personal comment regarding your reply last week to our newsletter. I don't think such an effort on your part serves any constructive purpose. Instead of spending your valuable time seething at us and then yelling at us on paper, why not write an article for the newsletter to make it better. It's just a thought -- made in a sense of respect and friendship for you -- that I hope you won't dismiss out of hand. The piece could contain a disclaimer, if you feel its necessary, saying that you in no way endorse all of the other writings of the AIB. To be specific, I would like to offer you, on an open ended basis, up to 2,000 words on either the JFK or King cases, whenever you like, under your by-line. The copy for the next issue is due December 1 -- let me know what you think of the idea.

Sincerely,


Jeff Goldberg