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Dear George,

Thanks for your note and the Webster transcript, which was enclosed.

You conclude with "best of luck in your continuing search."

Thanks, of course.

But it has changed much in recent years, more after the first of a series of circulatory ailments began in 1975.

It should be "searches." and not quests for assassins or attempts to live whodunits.

I think that what it has become may in its tangible manifestations interest if not impress you. (We haven't talked since you were looking for JFK's brain.)

So, after you have relaxed in NH for those three weeks and after return have again filled the hungry maws (which have become terribly indiscriminate in what I hear that is referred to as news), why not try to find an afternoon you can take off and come up and make a personal inspection?

You'll be able to count up to 60 file cabinets, mostly of official paper and most of that from the FBI, a scholarly riches for the future already consigned to ~~appear~~ a permanent university archives, with deposit already begun and ongoing.

You won't find who killed JFK but you will find that proceeding it all of substance the House assassins had save for that police tape analysis was here, before they existed.

~~XXXX~~ You will find all those crumbuns had on the King assassination and infinitely more, save for the nonsense they went for and on that you'll find what they suppressed.

You'll find what is probably the largest private collection of official records relating to the assassination and what has become more important, the functioning and non-functioning of our basic institutions in those times of great stress and in their aftermaths.

Probably more Freedom of Information cases than any other person has filed and despite fierce resistance (DJ once had a team of six lawyers assigned to me!) much in return for them, including a couple of stories CBS might go for, with records. (Like the CIA's domestic spying on King and the contents of his pockets from their files.)

Walking is the indicate therapy for me, and some work around the place. I do these with a transistor radio and WTOP. I never hear you excuse on newscasts. Your human interest stories used to be fun. Mostly its sports and trivia. And they've deteriorated since they joined Mutual. Nights ~~are~~ ^{and} early mornings are not much better on WCBS and WBBM, which I can usually get.

Thanks and best wishes,

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Dear Harold;

Sorry to be so terribly slow in answering but I got into a few stories over my head. I will take this upstairs and see if we have a copy of the transcript.

Meantime I'm working my head off on a lot of trivia required to fill the hungry maw of radio & TV news in August, -and then will run off to NH for three weeks of vacation/

best of luck in your continuing search;



George Herman