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Dear Wayne,

Thanks for your 4/3 and the enclosures. By now you'll have seen the time I took to try to inform you about the Ray show.

High Treasons 1 and 2 and the coming three are all bad books in which Livingstone seeks to stake out ownership of the assassination, and has been quite busy defaming everyone else. Don't tell Chapman this. He won't believe it anyway. But if he calls again you might slip in a question about what Livingstone thinks of the other critics and their work and see if Livingstone has unloaded all that imagined crap on him and what it is. Much has been coming back to me. The great tragedy is that he is sick in the head and potentially dangerous. His last variation of this imagined conspiracy against him, to keep him from blowing the case open, has me the ringleader! There is, alas, nothing that is both new and dependable in his books and when he did undertake something very worthwhile, interviewing the doctors, he argued a point of view that undermines the good of that imaginative enterprise. And the real problem is that only ~~that~~ those who are real subject experts can understand if he is telling it straight or saying what he imagines, regardless of the quotations.

I have no interest in the JFK autopsy film and no reason to believe they were doctored. It destroys the official mythology and who would go to the great risk and cost to fake what disproves what the faking is supposed to prove? Livingstone has not answered this question yet. And his second book is simply false, as with ^{the} minimal effort he made after the book was out at my suggestion he learned, the back of JFK's head is intact after the fatal shot, seen clearly, with no blood on it or the shirt, in the unpublished frames of the Zapruder film. I think you waste your time to even look at them. They were misused for commercial ^{value} effect in the various books.

What is factual in Lifton's book is what was published long before he wrote his book in which he takes credit for bringing it all to light. His theory is impossible and he knew that when he published it but he got a reported \$250,000 so why worry about truth when there was the added payoff of cheap fame?

Re Unsolved Mysteries, thanks. That was not the only contact the FBI knew Ray had. But I did not know that any other was with an FBI informer and Hardin was the only one of which I knew near the time of the assassination.

I thought that as Lane's assistant April knew something about the subject. But I guess neither of them did.

If you have a record of what Jones and Gormley told you contemporaneously I'd like a copy for file, thanks.

You say you'll say more about the HBO movie. I hope you read what I sent first.

Thanks and best wishes, and to Kay if you see her,

Harold

April 3, 1993

Hon. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

Thank you for your prompt delivery of the books. I have torn up your check to me, and I enclosed a check for the books. I was only glad to furnish you with the CA clippings and renew our relationship after all these years. I have been busy trying to keep my neck above water supporting my self as an attorney. I have had very little time trying to gumshoe the King assassination. All I can do is to try to read what is current in my leisure time.

I have read High Treason II. ^{has talked to me} Robert Chapman, the young man I discussed with you over the phone, ~~have~~ talked a couple of time by telephone. He recommends High Treason II's photographs of Kennedy's autopsy. He has suggested that he and i have lunch together sometime. He said there is a new photograph in the book, but I do not know which one he is talking about.

I found Lifton's Best Evidence highly suspect when I read it almost ten years ago. Chapman said he has a revised edition that also ~~includes~~ ^{includes} a new photograph. I have not obtained a copy.

I saw Unsolved Mysteries. You deserve a lot of credit for discovering the J.C. Hardin lead. Again, the FBI overstates its case when it purports to say that it retraced Ray's every step and discovered every person he came into contact with, etc.

I testified in the HBO trial. I do not know whether my testimony will be in the three hour version. April Ferguson, whom I think a lot of, did a lousy job of preparing to examine me. I showed up two days in a row at their notice, but she did not talk to me until a few minutes before I took the stand. Even then she asked me: "What are you spped to testify to?" This is only a few minutes before I am to take the stand. I told her I was supposed to testify as to what my conversations were with Solomon Jones, Grace Walden, Judson Ghormley, she asked me: "Who is Solomon Jones?"

Well, this is Saturday night. I have a deadline for answering a summary judgment motion in federal court, so I will have more to say later after the HBO movie.

Thanks Again,

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