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Dear Harold:

Yesterday, I researched the John Sherman Cooper archives at the University of Kentucky. Bill Cooper and his staff treated me like royalty, and made me proud that UK was my alma mater.

Box 217: nothing relevant, just information about memorials to John and Robert Kennedy.

Box 374: had the bulk of the information I am sending you and is detailed below.

Box 506: was basically a copy of HR9545 regarding the assassination artifacts.

Box 880: index for 1966, nothing.

Box 992: had the Warren Commission report and unrelated books as covered by the Index I sent you.

I was unable to see the 1964 Cooper interview because of time constraints.

Box 374: I have given you all relevant materials regarding the Warren Report. There were a number of citizen letters and some crank material. Senator Cooper sent out a form letter to people inquiring about the Warren Commission, saying they had investigated it and stood by it. However, in 1967 he started getting questions about Rush to Judgment and Mark Lane's interview in Playboy. At that time he began sending a 1966 newspaper article out with his letter, which I assume correctly explains his position as he sent it out on numerous occasions. Note this article criticizes Mark Lane and is silent as to Mr. Weisberg.

In addition, there is an undated article in his file which criticizes Rush to Judgment and Inquest, but, again is silent

as to Whitewash. It is interesting that the May 29, 1966 Washington Post article about Inquest and Whitewash was cut out and in his files, as was the New York Times book review of the two books, which is a very long review. I did not include these.

Among the highlights is a December 1, 1966 Lee Rankin letter to Wes Liebler. A letter from Lee Oswald's mother. A copy of the Flight of CE399 by Cutler, which was a privately printed book. A number of letters from Lee Rankin about getting the Warren Commission together again. I include the first one. The others are similar, and some UPI dispatches.

One odd thing is a June 3, 1967 letter and report from ITEK Corporation involving an analysis of the Nix photographs. I did not copy the report, only the letters and UPI dispatches. What was odd was, the analysis was full of excessive technical mumbo-jumbo, almost impossible for a layman to follow. The "dummy" photos just showing the general area of the parking lot behind the grassy knoll, not taken any time near the assassination are quite large, perhaps 5" x 7". The frame by Nix is printed very small approximately 2" x 3½" and the enhanced area is only about 3/8" long and is never blown up larger. This seems strange to me.

Bill Cooper did a series of interviews with John Sherman Cooper. I have sent you Session 18, the one in which he discusses the Warren Commission. Start at page 25.

Bill Cooper told me that Senator Cooper always seemed somewhat reluctant to discuss either the Warren Commission or Vietnam. Since these were two of the most important works of the senator's life, it must have made it quite a challenge to do this oral history series.

Bill Cooper told me he tried to do an interview with John McCloy. Mr. McCloy refused even after Senator Cooper interceded. He said it was his policy not to comment on the Warren Commission.

I feel this is virtually all the relevant information that was in these files. There may be something else hidden in the general correspondence. But, Box 374 is supposed to have most of the Warren Commission comments, etc.

On my own behalf, I looked at the 26 volumes of exhibits. I could find the questions and answers of Jack Ruby's lie detector test but no graphs! I also copied a few pages of Oswald's diary in Russia which is very detailed and reads to me like a spy report.

It is an honor that I was able to do some research for you and Dr. Wrone. I found no diary of John Sherman Cooper, nor a copy of Whitewash. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or suggestions. My office number is on this letterhead, my home phone number is (502) 423-9443.

I think we are all a little disappointed there was not more correspondence in the archives.

I include a note of an odd incident on a separate page.

Sincerely,



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