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Dear Mark,

From the cancellation I see you are not yet entirely free.

If I have not already made one, I'll start a file marked Confidential for your 6/20 and this reply.

I know nothing about Groden's book but I would be sincere in not wishing Harry and Lifton best wishes with their books. Harry's is designed to hurt and to benefit from hurting others. With ^{one}the possible exception there is no more successful Killer of "truth than Harry.

The DJ statements that it would like the removal of those fragments from Connally's body were not made until they knew the family would object. Beginning with Revill.

^{do not know.} That there is or was a "small cadre of JD people" ^{who}would like to have more done or out, I have never heard from any and all are welcome to what I have.

Whatever your friend told you, and I do not doubt he was honest, I have trouble believing that the feds ever contemplated a "serious investigation of the JFK community."

Individuals, only with a reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing.

Yet when they have wrongdoing by Harry they've done nothing.

There was a time when my opinion of Harry was about the same as yours. But not for a long time. I'm sure you told your friend what you said about him in good faith but I think that all would be better and cleaner and clearer if they had proceeded with him.

If you are in a position to amplify what you said, "...Harry did have a golden opportunity to fulfill his dream of BUSTING THE CASE WIDE OPEN AND HE BLEW IT MISERABLY" I'd sure like to know it. I do not believe that there is anyone who would trust him with that kind of information if anyone had it. (I assume you and he mean naming the assassin.) I have no reason to believe that anyone has that kind of information. I'll go farther: I believe that no rational person would trust Harry with anything he could misuse or anything they wanted reported straight and accurately. Especially not after reading his books. I ~~suspect~~ suspect that before considering giving him anything like what you say they would have spent some time with him. I do not see how any informed person would trust him with anything at all of a factual nature. If you have in mind with the doctors he interviewed I do not think any of them had that information.

Harry also is not at all well informed about fact, and I mean the established, official fact, of which there is quite a bit. When he comes in contact with it he begins to twist it immediately to conform with or support his own theories.

Thanks for your good wishes about my health.

And if you hear anything about any of the books, I am interested. I hope that Robert can for his book stop pretending he is the expert he isn't and just do a good job with the pictures. He can ruin much easily with some of the wild things he goes for. A book of just pictures could be worthwhile. Thanks and best wishes, Mark

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Dear Harold,

As always it's been good to hear from you and again I'm sorry for the delay I have in replying to your informative letters.

I am not one who has ever wanted any limelight in this case so my response to Harry, Robert and David's forthcoming books is sincere best wishes. If Harry wishes to challenge my story of how I obtained the pictures or my relationship with Fox, so be it. I have lost all passion for the truth after 12 years of insanity. If he chooses to slander me then he'll face an adversary far more potent than the apparently weak litigator Robert used against him.

In regards to your previous question concerning my statement that, "powerful people had moved into Harry's corner," I call your attention to the recent statements in the Justice Department that indicated they wished to remove the bullet frags from the late John Connolly. There is a small cadre of JD people who, for lack of a better definition, would have to be classified as passionate "closet critics."

My relationship is quite simple. 10 years ago at my 10th class reunion I was reunited with an old high school friend who had gone to work in a very low level position in the JD. I felt I could trust this friend so I informed him of my encounter 2 years prior with Fox. We communicated very irregularly in the years that followed until 1990. My friend had risen to a more significant position in the JD and I had shared with him a set of the pictures and he was soon hooked on the case.

What I am about to tell you now is very sensitive and I'd prefer if it remains with you.

Last summer, as Harry began to formulate his outline and detail his thoughts to me on the phone, was coincidentally the same time that Galen Kelley and Donald Moore were plotting the kidnapping of Lewis du Pont Smith. The Bureau felt they had the situation under control with their informant Doug Poppa but they didn't want to take any chances so naturally they tapped Lewis' phone to protect him.

I am one of the few non-Larouchians Lewis speaks to and I think by any measure our relationship would be defined as a close friendship. The Bureau apparently had some concern that Lewis' trust in me posed a possible threat so I was surveilled telephonically and visually.

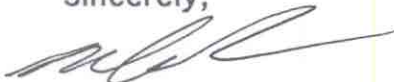
Some of the things the Feds heard on my phone from Harry bothered them, particularly his representation that Ferris was involved in some pseudo official inquiry being managed by Harry. My old friend got wind of all the intrigue and took a great chance by warning me that the JD was contemplating a serious investigation of the JFK community, basically because of Harry.

I placed myself on the line for Harry and convinced my friend he was basically a harmless bull elephant who charges through the rainforest (the case) in search of grubs (trivial minutae) and blindly steps over rock sized diamonds (important discoveries). I believe the Bureau picked up on this and carefully followed Harry's path. The trouble started in October when my friend learned that Harry's use of my name in his Dallas investigation had placed mine and my families safety in jeopardy. I also learned he was attempting to destroy the credibility of the Fox pictures and me for what reason I do not know.

In any case I bailed out of the case and I think the Feds gave up their case. They may have reopened it with a more serious eye on Harry's indiscretions. I do not know, but amazing as it may sound Harry did have a golden opportunity to fulfill his dream of BUSTING THIS CASE WIDE OPEN AND HE BLEW IT MISERABLY.

I hope you are feeling well and I look forward to our continued correspondence.

Sincerely,



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