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Dear Barry:

In haste because I lose most of two days this week going to Johns Hopkins, you'll be welcome but please check first. Worked out OK last time but next time it might not and I do forget.

I've not been to the Archives for years. One thing I'd like to follow up, getting all the records, is why Francis P. Adams quit so fast and so quietly. He is dead now so they can't withhold on privacy grounds. I think he decided he wanted nothing to do with what he perceived was a foot. His departure gave Specter the opportunity he used to get where he is and how he got there. If Adams wrote memos or analyses that could be embarrassing they may have been gotten rid of long ago. But the personal records should still exist and if he resigned that letter should be there.

For responsible writing you have a problem: there now is too much you do not know.

I doubt you could give a really critical reading to the current crop of bad books theorizing solutions.

And on what was any one faulted or disproven.

You'd have to pick a topic about which you know enough otherwise you might not know enough and that without any way of knowing what there is of which you are not aware.

I do not know where your knowledge leaves off. If you know enough about the uses and misuses of the tramp pictures now that it is known who they were from Dallas police records I have you might have some fun ticking off all the stupidities and insanities by seemingly informed and not irrational people.

Either this coming weekend or the following one, he's not yet told me which, another man working in the files intends to be here. I told him either one. As of now he's not responded. Maybe hasn't gotten my letter yet.

Sincerely,

Harold

May 8, 1992

Dear Harold,

Just a note to say thanks for your time during our recent visit. It was so good to see you again after all these years. You can't believe how many times I intended to drive down from Harrisburg to chat, but there always seemed to be something in the way.

Your statement that not many of the current writers are accurate in their books, or that few, if any, have consulted with you, has given me an idea.

My interest in the case has been sparked again. I want to get back into it. I miss the passion and excitement I once had for this. Would you mind if I visit with you again sometime and perhaps get some direction on how to proceed? Being a former journalist, I would like to write some articles about the case that could help "set the record straight."

You mentioned also that you would allow others serious about the case to look at your numerous files. Again, with your direction, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to pursue that resource. Such dedicated work on your part should not go to waste.

Although I would look to you for help and direction, I certainly would not impose on you unnecessarily, nor seek any assistance beyond your limits.

What do you think? Please let me know your feelings as soon as possible. I'll await your reply before proceeding.

Thanks so much, and please take care.

Sincerely,

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P.S. A friend and I may be going to the National Archives soon. Are there any worthwhile areas left there or have they (as I suspect) all dried up? Anything you'd like us to look into or get for you?