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Dear Mary,

I've just finished the rough draft of a report to some who are concerned about the state of my health, all but too much younger. I should have said one of the new problems I may have survived only because I did not heed the local moneygrubbers whose medical licenses are used for virtually printing money. Wil and I felt just wonderful with this new to me doctor I'd been referred to by another one at Johns Hopkins. I have records in Sacout 7, maybe 8, of the hospitals that make it up. All the very ^{best!} ~~best!~~

Off and on that worse than crazy Livingstone has been on my mind. I hope the efforts I made of which I sent you copies are satisfactory to you. Including my effort to lean on that boy in a man's body, Waybright. I do not mean that the boy's mind justifies what the man did. It does not. But I hope that if he decides to be honest it may be of help. I do not expect to hear anything from my friend. He has and will preserve a confidential relationship ^{ship} with his client. But he may also be asked for advice. Or volunteer it.

As always, the trip to Baltimore for which I always have had an excellent driver, tired me and I'm going to take nap. Then I can take Wil out to dinner when we have to go to the bank and will be out anyway.

If you have any records of Harry at ~~ASK~~ ASK other than the memo Wallace Milam did from anyone else or anything else or any kind about that I think it would be good to have on hand. As you will have seen, I tried to suggest that his sudden invention of a conspiracy against him seems to date to his not being kowtowed to there are he really believes is his due. I have that fine memo Wallace did. If there is no immediate use for it one may develop. Along the wonderful line Peggy has in mind and will tell you if she hasn't. And I may be able to get another or two interested in the kind of ridicule he got from the Baltimore reporter he took to ASK to witness what Harry thought would be his great triumph. My copy is mislaid or loaned and I'm getting another.

I don't know if you knew Lonnie Hudkins. They and we became good friends when he worked in Baltimore. He has just survived what he was not expected to survive, total kidney failure plus a major prostate problem. He is out of the hospital and better and phoned me yesterday. They used to visit us when he worked for the Baltimore paper. He has been talking about driving down from Buffalo for a couple of years. He says they'll try now.

If you knew them, Lon Jr. is in Samoa for the Peace Corps and has risen to be an official on the staff on the university there.

We've heard from David. ^{Saulsbury} He, his wife and his two fine boys will be up soon. I should know a little more then.

Our best,

Handwritten signature

I explain this paper.

Since the 1973 energy crisis, when I learned that aside from trees making paper requires much energy, I've been saving paper with a clear side and using it for rough drafts and the like. I heated us with wood, etc. until that was forbidden after my 1989 heart operation. But I've written a massive book. Dave Wrone retyped it on his computer. So in addition to the usual supply of paper that can be used again I have the xeroxes of what I sent him and the copies on which I made corrections. I cannot predict the future of the book. I've no contract and no means of doing much that must be done to get publication. Knowing this in advance, my primary objective was to make a record for history. There are a few things to be done to this ms and then I'll learn if it can be published now. I'm saying little about it because I do not want to take time responding to calls and letters about it. But the supply is now so large I use this paper for letters to those I believe will not resent this slight effort to conserve trees and energy. Wrone's opinion is ^{that} the historically the book is "unprecedented." Our local history prof. dear friend Jerry McKnight wrote someone that it "should revolutionize thinking about the JFK assassination" and he then had read less than half of it.

There may come a time when I'll be able to be more persuasive with Waybright if I must be. Mark Crouch told me that when Lifton learned Waybright was working for Livingstone he had a way of blackmailing W. to work for him and to steal from Harry for him. This included some of L's interview transcripts with which Lifton sought to pressure those Harry interviewed. So Harry knew that W. was doublecrossing him. Before I learned this W. stole from my files my critical analysis, for historical record only, of Best Evidence and the MDW records Lifton got. Knowing the beliefs you had I do not give you the details but I have proof that W did steal those records. I think he'd rather not have that known to his employer.

Harry told Crouch that he believes W did steal those records, of which he had asked for the copies W said he would make in Baltimore, for Lifton. There is no question about the theft and it could not have been for anyone else anyway.

In W's letter to ^{that I sent you} me he says that Crouch was the source of much or most of what Harry has or thinks he has on me. I've written Crouch about this. I'll let you know what he says.

If you want a reduced-size copy of the Baltimore City Paper story on ASK and largely on Harry I have it.