

4/10/98

Dear Don,

Thanks for your 4/4 and enclosed good article.

I think that the phone conversation of Rostow's was not included in those I had and that is why, although I suspected him, I did not include him.

It is a good and a thorough job.

There is a bit more that you might find relevant that I have when you are here again. Moyers phoned LBJ about 9 p.m. 11/24, LBJ then phoned Hoover and then he phoned Katzenbach. There are further references in other phone conversations to proceeding as we agreed Sunday night.

It is not important but Katzenbach wrote his memo on Sunday. I have the holograph. It was typed early Monday.

LBJ used the FBI to talk the Post put of the editorial. I have a file on that if it interests you when you are here again. DeLoach handled it.

I think what you have put together will interest Jerry McKnight for some of his work and I'll lend it to him. I'd never stopped to think about what you ask about research for the first 10 years. So much was so awful anyway.

Lane pooped out early and did not do most of his own original work.

Meagher was magnificent but she also got out. She was strong for Epstein for a while, in a motherly way. ~~She~~ Salandria was an early one who was also wacky and soon became a liability. Roffman was by far the best of the youngest but he also had to get out as he got his education and went to work. There were a few I never met, like a fellow named Stamm, a friend of Meagher's.

Then there was some terrible stuff, like Newman's. I did not learn for several years that he killed Whitewash in 1965 when an editor he knew spoke of it to him. Newman and his crazy radio idea.

There were other people who were interested and did a little, like Maggie Fields in California and Bill O'Connell, her friend and associate. One of the first is still doing research, Hal Verb, of San Francisco, Good fellow, too. Did all my p.r. for me my first trip out there and did it exceptionally well.

Tell Peggy we know what being too involved it. Especially now when we are both so much less able.

If you were not aware of it. McKnight's fine The Last Crusade is now in the stores. He has a sabbatical to work on one of the other books he is going to do. Begins with the end of this semester.

Hope you can make it again soon.

Our best,

Harold

April 4, 1998

Dear Harold,

Sorry to be so long in writing. Peggy and I were very glad to see you and Lillian in January. We will look for a time to get back to your place in about two months.

I am enclosing a copy of my article on the creation of the Warren Commission. This is a slightly different version of this from what you have already seen. As you can see, it appeared in a recent issue of an academic history journal (it just came out; it was about four months late). I believe this is the first article on these matters to get into an academic journal. I hoping it will open up some doors for future work.

I did have to tone down a few paragraphs by eliminating what the reviewer and editor thought were some polemical statements. In the end, this only amounted to three or four sentences and it did not alter in any substantive way the meaning or content of the article. (Your book Never Again! is referenced on page 250 and you are mentioned earlier in the article.) I am going to organize and finish the material I have been working on for the last four years and see if I can get it published as a book. One of the chapters I have not yet written will be a short history of the research on the assassination. If you were doing this and you were focusing on the first ten years after the assassination, what names (beside your own) would you include? I may do this both as an article for a academic journal and as a chapter for a book.

I am always looking for a friendly person in the publishing business and, as always, I would appreciate any tips you might pick up along those lines.

Peggy asked me to tell you and Lil that she is sorry she has not written. She has been working one and a half jobs for some months and has not had much time to do anything. She thinks of both of you regularly.

I am winding up my semester - there are only two weeks and final exams left. I then start a summer session that lasts about six weeks. My son is coming to visit next weekend and will stay about one week. These and other things (extensive committee work this semester) are using up most of my time. In about one month I will have some time to get back to my work in a serious way.

We hope that both of you are doing well. If we don't hear from you through the mail, I will give you a call in a few weeks. Take care.

Sincerely,

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