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Dear Jerry,

We've had some pretty cold days but by and large I think a fairly mild winter. Only one snow and I had boys to operate the snow blower so no real problem. Boys can be boys so in spite of the needs of the winter wheat, I'm hoping for no snows.

Our health is as good as we can expect, thanks. I'm seeing well, to have the stitches removed in three weeks and have an OK to drive again. Free at last!!! Lil's arthritis gives her some bad days but fortunately it leaves her alone some days, too.

I've never found a civic-group audience that did not understand what those documents mean so I'll be interested in the Rotary reaction you get from them. Glad the students understood their meaning, too. Having an hour and a half gives their use more meaning but I think they lord themselves as well as anything I know of to a 20-30 minute presentation.

If any of the agents were in your audience and they tried to say something about those particular records they'd have been nuts!

Your poor wife having to cope with moving! Awful chores even before we've begun to collect what we accumulate for our entire lives, most of us.

I don't know how Dave finds time for it but I'm glad he is making a definitive study of Lifton. I'm looking forward to reading it.

Garrison sent me word that he was sending me a copy of his book about two months ago. It was to be sent by Ted Gandolfo, to whom the publisher had given quite a few for forwarding. For some strange reason it has not yet gotten here, I'm sure because it was not mailed. Not only was I not impatient \* Dave had asked me to annotate his copy and I did that. It is a work of spectacular dishonesty and of little association with reality or meaning. As I told Dave, I want to stay out of any hassles with it but what an entertaining and informative oral history it could make. He writes about what I was involved in and I can't recognize those matters from his accounts. Strange man. Who can be brilliant and is a gifted writer.

Best to you all,

Harold

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Dear Harold,

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I thought I would drop you a short note to let you know how my JFK seminar is going. Last week Wednesday I gave an hour-and-a-half lecture based largely on the documents I obtained from you in December. I believe it went well. My impression was that most of the students understood the implications of these documents. This week we are going through testimony, "evidence", and conclusions drawn by the Warren Commission.

Tomorrow I am scheduled to give a 30 minute luncheon talk to the local Rotary chapter. Again, I will be using many of the same documents and just deal with a few of the more glaring problems of the official case such as the President's autopsy and the single-bullet theory. I will be curious to see if any of the local FBI agents will be in the audience.

During the Christmas break we did get up to see the Wrones. We also got a chance to see Elizabeth and Dave Jr. Unfortunately, I had only a brief time with Dave to talk about the article he is doing on Lifton and related matters.

I also want to let you know that I am in the process of xeroxing Oswald in New Orleans but probably will not finish for another week or so. We recently moved and that has complicated things greatly. I hope you are well and getting around all right. It has been a mild winter here so far. I hope the same is true in Maryland. My regards to Lillian.

Best Wishes,

*Gerry Givens*