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Dear Gerry,

I hope You can bring your family when you come this summer. We'd like to know them.

If you plan a course on Vietnam I encourage you to discuss this with Jerry "cknight, who has been teaching such a course at Hood. Did you meet him when you were here? I don't know his summer plans but he has a semester's sabbatical and plans to begin work on the FBI's POCAM files, some delivered and surely some being stonewalled.

I've kept all the letters I've gotten, no exceptions, in the hope that at some point they'd make a worthwhile sociological study. Some are in individual file folders but most are just filed by the initial of the last name. Going through all these folders would be a large job but I've preserved that raw material. Also, when I first began to get reactions to my appearances I started taping them for this purpose, too. Big problem is that I had to use both sides of the tape, on 6 inch reels (before cassettes). I've never listened to any of them because this was my only purpose, availability to sociologists. (It also may not be the reflection of me I'd prefer but I've saved them.)

I am uneasy in being frank with you on your King assassination reading and I am frank because very few people know enough to question what has been written with authentic credentials. In a capsule, I've seen nothing worth the time it takes to read and some is disinformation and misinformation and there is always ego-tripping and commercialization.

Phil Melanson, who I rather liked and tried to help with his RFK endeavor in which Greg "tone did much of the work, kept the fact that he was doing a King assassination book secret from me. He is not alone in this. An American lawyer living and working in England is doing that right now, but I've still helped him as much as I could and I will soon again. I've just finished reading his THE MURKIN CONSPIRACY and am preparing a lengthy, page-by-page commentary for Dave. If you'd like I'll make a copy for you. It is an ego trip, inaccurate, has no new fact and is dishonest both on personal and professional levels. I do not intend to discuss it with him.

I've done this for Dave on three other books only, alas, I did it on the pages so there is only the one copy unless Dave prepares something from my annotations. The books are John H. Davis', Schein's and Garrison's. I think all are terrible.

Dave can give you his own assessments.

Best to you all and hope to see you soon,

I forgot to include HIGH TREASON by Robert Groden and Harrison Livingston. Annotated also.

Dear Harold,

April 12, 1989

I thought I would write this short note just to keep in touch. For the past month and a half I have been swamped with school work. In addition to teaching classes, I have been trying to revise the sociology curriculum. As a result, I have yet to get into Oswald in New Orleans, but I plan to do so soon. Also, I plan to do more reading on the King case.

As I may have mentioned in my previous letter, I managed to get two special courses approved for this summer: one on the Vietnam War and the other on the JFK assassination and the failure of institutions. I have also been giving some thought to doing an article for a sociology journal chastising sociologists (especially those concerned with social problems) for not paying more attention to the JFK assassination.

Sometime this summer (either in early June or late August) I plan to travel to the Washington, D.C. area and visit with you again. I may also take my family and see some of the sights in Washington.

In any case, I hope your health is good and you have good springtime weather. My regards to Lilian.

Yours,

