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Dear Gerry,

We Mollie Ivins fans appreciate that column and will be sending a few others copies of it.

Glad your appearance before the Rotary went well. It may lead other of those clubs to invite you if there were visiting Rotarians.

The "why" addressed to the FBI is a common question. With me I should say "was" with the clubs but I got it in letters.

As I've thought about this over the years I've found no reason to change my original belief: the Hoover/FBI image. He portrayed himself as the man on top of everything yet his President was killed and he not only didn't know about it - he let it happen.

There is only one way consistent with the cultivated image that this can be explained in a way that does not attribute failure to Hoover and the FBI, and that if there is no conspiracy and the crime is by a lone nut.

You have the DeLoach memo on Hoover's Manchester interview. You can use several passages from it. I don't recall whether you made a copy of CD1 or, more likely, I suggested that you ask Dave for a copy. You can take the index to that, while displaying the entire first volume (I always say there are four other volumes) and show that this supposedly definitive report by the greatest investigator of all time has virtually no information about the assassination at all, none at all on the shots, all of which are not even mentioned, and is rather a diatribe against Oswald. I suggest that you have separate copies of the relevant pages of the index to read from and display. I always say, too, that the question puts me in the position of having to read Hoover's and the FBI's mind, which cannot be done, really.

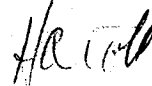
With regard to the question asking whether the King, JFK and Bobby assassinations were by the same people, I always say what I believe, no, there is no connection. But I also point out that despite the long time all had had powerful enemies none was killed until he underwent a basic change and in this sense all are related - they removed a national leader at the time of the change that would have gotten him more following, more influence.

I hope the copies of bids and ends that I think may be of interest does not give you to read what does not interest you.

With a few old friends, by which I mean they were friends before you were born, I've been reminiscing and responding to matters they raise in correspondence. One is a retired lawyer who was on the Senate Civil Liberties Committee with me, one is a rabbi and the other is a chemist who was one of the developers of nylon. The rabbi is one of those invited to meet the pope when he was here and has ~~married~~ had married mixed couples. All are, among other things, the most decent people I've know.

We are OK. Hope you are all well.

Sincerely,



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Dear Harold,

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I gave my talk on JFK yesterday to the Gaffney Rotary Club (Gaffney is a town about the size of Spartanburg about 30 miles northeast of here). There were about 70-80 in attendance, including several local attorneys, a College president, and local businessmen. The fellow who invited me runs one of the largest dairy farms in the area and it pleased him to know that I was from the dairy state, Wisconsin. In contrast to last year when I gave a similar talk, I had some more time, 35 minutes instead of 20. But of course even that was insufficient.

I spent most of my time building the case for the presumption of Oswald's guilt on the part of the Dallas Police, the FBI, Justice Dept. and Warren Commission. Among other things, I was able to use the story of Dallas policeman D.L. Jackson to illustrate how grossly negligent the FBI's investigation was. The audience also got a big kick out of seeing a blown-up photo of CE399 (which Dave Wrone had given me a few years ago) after I described what it is alleged to have done. The questions afterward were quite good. One question that seems to come up a lot is with regard to the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover, and that, of course, is why? Why would they not want to do a more thorough investigation and try to uncover the real killers? I first of all note that I am not sure, and then I offer a few possibilities such as their interest to sweep this under the rug in the interest of "national security" or that the government was afraid that a full-fledged investigation would expose other operations (such as CIA and anti-Castro Cuban plots against Cuba). One person asked about a possible connection between JFK, King, and RFK assassinations. The only thing I said there was that with regard to King the FBI "investigation" was equally deficient.

All in all I thought it went well. In the future I hope I will have a little more time and can work on smoothing over some of the rough spots.

I am well into Racial Matters and am finding it good and very well written. O'Reilly gives some interesting background on the FBI going back to its origins and J. Edgar Hoover's initial involvement. A couple of Hoover's statements about blacks in 1919 sound no different from what he was saying in the 1960's.

I am enclosing a Molly Ivins' column from the Dallas Times Herald which I found both amusing and enraging when you think about what Bush is doing in Central America.

Hope you are well and say hello to Lillian.

Yours,

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