

6/22/90

Dear Gerry,

Glad the records reached you promptly and in good shape. I was sure that having the various sections in file folders that identify the contents would be a real convenience. This is what I asked Cathy, the woman of that business, to do it for you. She had done it for me before and the charge was peanuts. She was not able to keep the originals in the sequence in which they are filed here. Jerry says that when he has the time he'll take care of that. He noticed it when he was putting them back where they'd been stored.

There was no reason for you colleagues not to be taken with Melanson's book because he does not have the knowledge to give it a critical reading and he lacks the knowledge to appreciate the degree of Melanson's dishonesty. All of his theory is not even good fiction. As an illustration, the name of The Fat Men has been known for years and nothing happened to him. I gave Melanson the records in which the FBI disclosed it to me. It had appeared in the papers earlier. So, Melanson, knowing full well how those records became available, gives the full credit to the FBI reading room. They didn't sue the FBI, of course. I did. Melanson went over whatever he wanted to see here and got copies. No mention in the book. There is no possibility at all that any intelligence agency would have used that means to get money to Ray. This is childishly silly. They all have safer and surer ways. But if Ray got money from the spooks, why was he broke, cheaply as he lived? If he'd had \$100 more he could and would have taken a ship in Portugal and gotten to then Rhodesia. And this after he robbed a whore house. If I didn't give you a copy of the critical analysis I made for the historical record I'll be glad to send one. Dave and Jerry only have copies besides me if you don't. The same is true of his terribly bad JFK assassination ms. You won't find it easy to believe it is as bad as it is. And that he is as ignorant as he is. Both Jerry and Dave think he is staking out a claim to ownership of the political assassinations. I agree.

We loved Cairo's letter. I'm sending it and the drawing to Dave. I took for granted that she was referring to characters in children's TV, of which I know nothing at all. She is a beautiful and a bright child. You've two wonderful children.

I thought I'd sent the bill for the copying. I'll send another if it hasn't reached you. We have copies.

I ask Hanh-Trang a question. I've been taking 2,000 units of Vitamin E for close to 15 years on the advice of a dentist who was also a nutritionist. He was aware of ~~his~~ two clinics using it with good success after venous thrombosis. Night before last on TV I saw one presented as an expert saying that it has no value at all for anything and can cause nerve damage. It is the last possibility that I'm concerned about. Taking it was approved by an eminent cardiologist quite a few years ago. This expert was talking about cut but he did generalize as I do. So, I'm interested in any dependable literature that supports this expert's opinion.

Thanks and our best to you all,

Hair

Dear Harold,

June 18, 1990

I just thought I should drop you a note to let you know that the files arrived safe and sound last Thursday (6/14). As far as I can tell everything seems to be in order. It certainly was a big help that they put them in file folders. In the coming weeks I am going to try to go through them systematically. I spoke with my colleague in history last week and he seems to be taken with Melanson's book. I have told him a few things about Melanson but we really have not had a thorough discussion which I am sure we will before long. I plan to read his book, The Murkin Conspiracy, in the next few weeks.

You probably received Claire's letter by now. I am sure you are wondering about some of the strange names, they are favorite cartoon characters. Hanh-Trang has been away in Atlanta at the American Diabetes Association conference. I have been managing the kids, or trying to. It can be fun at times but it certainly does not give me much time for reading.

I hope you and Lillian are well . Please send along the bill for the xeroxing as soon as you get it.

Yours,

