

Dear Gerry,

7/15/91

Thanks for your 7/12 and the enclosures. I was astounded to see how good your father-in-law looks after what he went through! Both your in-law look younger than I'd expected.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed the family reunion in Va. and it is good that it could be prolonged a bit. They are never as often or as long as we'd like.

We had one that lasted much of the day and ended a few minutes ago. A dear friend of my youth a trifle old and in remarkably good shape brought my sister and her husband for whom the drive is too much and we enjoyed it much. Including hearing the latest about people I've not seen in more than half a century. And ~~hearts~~ about some of whom there is nothing to hear now.

I'm sorry I forgot to send you copies of the Oliver Stone record I'm making. I am enclosing all the correspondence.

Dave is here part-time. He is in Washington today and we resume working tomorrow.

His children are really remarkable and are outstanding as scholars.

He has every reason to be proud, and he is.

They stopped off at Ithica to see David and saw Elizabeth either in New York or when they visited ~~the~~ Lane's family. She is there. Shortly Dave will drive up and get he and they'll visit again on their way home.

I annotated Beschloss's atrocity, "The Crisis Years." Dave asked me to. His consummate dishonesty will undoubtedly get it on the best-seller list. He was out to do as much harm as he could to JFK's reputation and he had no trouble at all summoning the requisite dishonesty.

Such is both modern scholarship and what is required for scholarly success and acclaim.

Thanks again for the pictures. Our best to you all,

*Heard*

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Dear Harold,

July 12, 1991

Thanks for your recent enclosures. I especially enjoyed reading your July 6th letter to the editor of the Times-Picayune which I imagine will be responded to in some fashion. Also, Haynes Johnson's piece on Clarence Thomas was right on the mark, I thought. I recall hearing the news of Marshall's retirement and being depressed. In NPR's retrospective on Marshall's career they made an interesting point: that Marshall was the <sup>current</sup> only Supreme Court justice who had ever represented a man accused of murder. Also, in reseach I am doing on race and ethnic relations I read excerpts of Marshall's dissent in the Bakke case which clearly reflected some of Martin Luther King's views. I don't believe Thomas can ever come close to Marshall in so many ways. And it did not come as any surprise to me that Bush was able to find a conservative black judge.

For the past month I have been knee-deep in summer school but that will soon be over and I am looking forward to doing some outside reading, particularly James Cone's new book on Malcom X and King. Your recent letter also reminded me of an offer I believe you made to me about a month ago -- to send me a copy of a letter you sent to Stone. Perhaps it is the June 3rd letter you mention in your letter to the Times-Picayune. I would be interested in having a copy, if that is possible. I am enclosing some money to cover some of your costs not only for that but all the other things you usually send -- they are much appreciated and used.

I am also enclosing a couple of pictures from last month's trip to Washington. As you can see, one of them was taken at the conclusion of our tour of the White House. Hanh-Trang's father is included. He looks in pretty good shape, certainly in comparison to when he left Vietnam just over a year ago. Again, we were really sorry we couldn't come to Frederick. As it turned out we spent more time with relatives in Virginia than we planned. There were some there that I had not met before and this was the first opportunity they had to see Hanh-Trang's father.

Our next trip to your neck of the woods may come early in the fall. I will certainly keep you informed. We hope you are well and give our warm regards to Lillian.

Best Wishes,

