

Dear Gerry,

5/26/92

In apologizing earlier for enclosing in the last mailing to you a letter intended for a rabbi friend of my youth I forgot to tell you that the Yiddish word I used means confused, mixed up, I think, literally. My older sister's husband, who had been lingering without chance of recovery, died as she told him in peace, while he slept. I was glad she'd phoned when I was asleep because I'd have been at a loss for words. For, as my sister said, for him it was a blessing. Al and I also believe it was a blessing for her, too. One can't be sorry for a blessing.

Glad you found the AHR beginning - when I can I'll get to the specifics of the articles but I may mail what Ed retyped tomorrow - useful. Dave had suggested before I wrote this that I should state credentials early. I did not do it in the scholarly way but that was part of what I did do, as I now recall.

You'll have seen that I've begun on the medical-expert whores. When I can get the articles and the press conference transcript I'll really go to work on that and them!

Lardner promised me a copy but hasn't sent it. Of the press kit or article advance copy.

Jerry did not have to say it: he looked it!

Great idea on Specter!

I think some of the papers may be receptive. Don't forget the Inquirer and the Pittsburg papers. Perhaps Wecht can help with them.

Cranshaw's book was still on the best-seller list in Sunday's Wx Post.

Frontline has Gus Russo researching for a possible special for them. He knows little and was involved with Stone.

Thanks for the clipping on his "documentary." I've not heard a word about it other than that it was planned.

I'll know the results of the tests at Hopkins ~~xxxx~~ next week when I go there again.

This test was different than the two not far from here in that they inserted a balloon down my throat through my nose to measure the pressure that blocks nocturnal breathing. Then after they awakened me at 6 they told me to take a nap each two hours thereafter, which I was wired up again each time. And I was able to.

Thanks for the bill but it wasn't necessary.

Best to all,

Dear Harold,

May 21, 1992

Thanks for the recent letters which included your analysis of the White House phone logs and a copy of your essay in response to the Amer. Hist. Review forum. Both were informative. Although the librarian I spoke with at the LBJ library said that there had been other requests for that information, I don't know if anyone else has used it to rebut Crenshaw's book. I thought your essay to the AHR was good, especially in that you effectively put together the whole story of your criticism of Stone. This will be especially helpful to me as I put together an outline of the project on Stone's film I plan to teach next Jan. '93.

Another school year came to a close here this past Sunday with graduation ceremonies. The past week and a half I have been fighting a bad cold and trying to get final exams graded and final grades in. It tends to be a real rat race at the end, as I am sure Jerry McKnight can testify. During the next month I am going to be involved in a seminar on Africa and the African-American experience. There will be a couple of visiting professors from Senegal conducting some of the classes. I will be giving some presentations toward the end on Malcolm X, King, and a final class on the L.A. riot. It ought to be an interesting experience, and I am sure it will help in my preparation to teach that race and ethnic relations class in the fall again.

Once this is over, I plan to get to work on Specter and try to write up a few short pieces to expose his record on the Warren Commission. I will submit these to some of the major Pennsylvania papers and see what happens. I will also be sure to send you copies. While I am on disreputable records, I imagine you heard the news stories on the AMA interview with Drs. Humes and Boswell. From what I could gather (since I have not read the actual interview in the AMA Journal) the interviewer accepted everything they said at face value. As you can probably imagine, CBS News carried this as their lead story on the Tues. (5/19) show! Rather also added to the conclusion that JFK was killed by two shots that those shots were most likely fired by Lee Harvey Oswald. As you have pointed out before, how could such a conclusion be based on the autopsy alone? The only "criticism" it offered was Harry Livingstone ranting that it is all lies. Hardly an objective treatment of the facts, but that's CBS News for you.

I hope your recent visit to Johns Hopkins went well and you were able to get your sleep disorder corrected. Say hello to Lillian for me. Hanh-Trang plans to write or call soon.

Best Wishes,



P.S. Please accept the enclosed \$20 to help pay some of the xeroxing and postage costs.