

Dear Gerry,

4/24/95

Reur 20, do not and do not ask Dennis to make any searches for Mailer's wife-knifing or the commotion at RH and a few years ago. I've asked a Post reporter who says he'll check their morgue for me. But if Dennis can retrieve reviews of Oswald's Tale, which is really Mailer's, that may be fun. Publishers Weekly gave it a rare bad one. Makes no thing. What do you think of the Title, Mailer's Tale, subtitle of the JFK Assassination.

If I did not tell you, Dal had no trouble with the printing out, read Waketh and likes it.

If you've not heard from Dave, his retirement is effective the end of the session and the terms protect his ~~income~~^{inc} until he qualifies for Social Security.

Dal faxed the draft of his speech in two weeks to the Buckland history teachers' convention via the local paper. He was concerned. It is simply great. His talk is on teaching the JFK assassination at high-school level and he says the best way is the way Dave and Ge Jerry do it and he gives them full credit.

He is also working on a book for that level.

I've begun chapter vii of the Mailer book. I'd have had it finished had I not got what I regard as an outrageous letter from Marwell at ARRB. Hit me on a bad day. I was overy tired and a bit upset. It shows in what I wrote him in haste that you'll have before this.

Lesar pushed them on CD1359. I think he'll not like what I wrote, which is what I'd told him.

I hope Marwell stops sending me cover-the-ass letters. I can't ignore them and I do not want to take time for them. Or to ~~xxx~~ reread what I wrote earlier.

Best,

Hardy

Dear Harold,

April 20, 1995

Thanks for your 4/12 and the suggestions for our paper (and possible book). I am fairly confident that we can pull together enough examples for our upcoming paper and present them in a clear and well-documented fashion. And to make the issue current, I plan to draw on Posner and JAMA, especially since Never Again! should be available. Also, there is a sociologist by the name of Liazos who, many years ago, admonished his colleagues in criminology for not paying enough attention to what he called "covert institutional violence". I plan to modify his phrase and suggest the JFK assassination and the 30+ years of failed investigations, deception, incompetence, and exploitation could be loosely regarded as a history of "covert institutional fraud". Dave's idea about a book is good. One of the reasons I have not seriously considered writing a book is that I didn't feel I had anything significant to add to your work, not to mention Roffman's fine book, and Dave's work. And I still am learning. But what Dave suggested I believe is feasible, especially with Dennis's help.

My reading of the draft of Waketh the Watchman has been put on hold, probably until the end of this school year. There are just too many exams and papers to read and evaluate, in addition to some other administrative tasks which I am sure Jerry McKnight is all too familiar. If I see any thing on Mailer I will send it. Dennis might be of more assistance regarding information retrieval -- he is much more computer competent than I.

All the attention McNamara's memoir is getting is a bit surprising, given the fact that from what I have read in reviews most of what he says about Vietnam was in the Pentagon Papers. As with JFK, it seems that historical amnesia is at work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY'. to Lillian. Hope you both are well. I will be in touch.

Best,