

Dear Gerry,

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It will be a surprise if Grantham does make any real or serious changes. He wants to continue to place what he writes and not to close doors. Hope I'm wrong!

Before too long you'll have a kind of overview. Jerry did a wonderful favor. He offered to retype what I wrote in response of Kermit Hall's b.s. in the Maryland Law Review. Mostly ~~done~~. Says it will be about 300 pages. And he has been enjoying it. I plan a copy for the board's files because they are required by the law to be fully open when the board is finished. It may not educate that board but it will certainly educate those who look at its files and examine into its work!

If Grantham mentions Senator Russell Dissents remind him that Russell's records are a deposit at the Univ. at Athens. There is also on the law faculty a fine fellow named Wilkes. He has ~~not~~ written several articles on the Russell dissent for local papers only.

Before long, too, you should have a disk of Picturing Corruption of the JFK Assassination, an expose of Croden as one who can't even steal straight. My niece has been doing it when she's had time and her mother wants it all to be perfect.

The epilogue to Waketh is almost retyped and I've added a 12th chapter to that epilogue.

Saw the woman doing the retyping yesterday. She should have all but this last chapter in a week or so.

If you've not heard it from Jerry, his fine book on the Poor Peoples Campaign is to be published. He's already taken over Honorable Men.

There is an epilogue to the Newman (s I've not been able to get retyped. It is at least a year old.

The warmer weather you wished for us is due this week. We've not had it yet. Tried the car air conditioner a few days ago and it does not work. So that is to be repaired. Date for next week.

Enjoyed a visit, albeit shorter, from Dave this past weekend. He looks good. He'll be near by again this coming weekend but on a tight schedule. To meet his coming ik-laws, the parents of David's fiancée.

Best to you all,

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Dear Harold,

June 12, 1997

Sorry I have not written in a while. The usual hectic finish to the semester, a lingering cold, and getting ready for summer session have complicated my life of late. As you may know, due to the book order the college sent, I am teaching a course on the JFK assassination this summer. Unfortunately, the course attracted only 6 students. I expected more. But working with a small group has its advantages. Using Whitewash and Never Again! as sort of bookends to the 30+ year history of failure and deceit, I am also going to try to fill in some significant events between 1965 and 1995, such as a bit on your FOIA battles, the HSCA, 25th anniversary shows such as NOVA, Stone's "JFK", Posner, among a few other things. I am going to try to accomplish this in the space of a five-week term, which may be impossible. But this exercise is giving me an opportunity to think in terms of a broad overview, along with reviewing some forgotten details, which can only help if and when Dennis and I get down to some serious work on expanding our paper into a book.

I believe in my last letter, some weeks ago, I noted the possibility of having lunch with a pretty well-known historian who was a visiting professor here. His name is Dewey Grantham. He has written mostly about the South, but he does have a post-WWII American history text to his credit. He was impressed with our paper on the "JFK Assassination and the Failure of Institutions", and was surprised we hadn't been able to publish it. During our lunch, he seemed quite open to what I had to say. I also gave him a copy of your "Senator Russell Dissents". He knows personally the historian (Fite is his name, I believe) who wrote a recent biography of Russell which did not include much on his Warren Commission involvement. He remarked that, given the wealth of material and significance of it, that he knew of no historians or promising graduate students looking into the assassination. But perhaps that is just as well, given the incompetence of the vast majority of historians who have written about the assassination in the past, including, of course, those you have been trying to educate on the Assassination Records Review Board. Dr. Grantham also said he was in the process of revising his text, and although he is not prepared to completely change his writing on the assassination, he seemed open to revising it. He left at the end of the semester, but I hope he will take the time to write or call with any further comments or questions, especially about "Senator Russell Dissents".

Bill sent me a copy of your Newman manuscript, which is sitting on my desk. I hope I will get some time to read it soon. I did read the LaFontaine expose you sent a couple months ago and enjoyed that. I did not have time to take any detailed notes on it however.

Hope you and Lillian are ok and finally getting some warmer weather. It has been unusually cold and cloudy down here, but I am sure the more typical hot and humid weather will be here soon. Hanh-Trang is fine and sends her regards, and we both send a very belated happy birthday to both of you!

Best,

