

Dear Gerry,

8/10/97

Thanks for the Sunday Times review of the Russians' book on the missile crisis. It not only lacks what you mention, Khrushchev's desire for peace, it is not true in the subheading that says the book shows "just how far the Soviets were willing to go." From their reviews it does not do that, and this one falls short of that, too. There were, as I'd not believed, missiles that were nuclear armed to be used against any invading force and they were in position and ready.

The review is wrong in the reasons it gives for that development, too.

The review notes as "flaws" what are factual errors.

The Russians have their appraisal of the market from which they want to get and do get money and they write for that market.

You refer to the continuing failure of the media and that reminds me of Jerry's opinion of what I have on the media and its (mis)treatment of General Lee Butler and those many other top officers world-wide who came out for the end of all nuclear weapons. Jerry said it is "Swiftian." He has not yet been able to get that disk, which has uncorrected errors, duplicated.

I think some of that second epilogue adds to what is in Waketh.

I have not been able to learn if I had the first epilogue retyped. This second one has been. Jerry has a xerox for his uses in his own work. As I told Dennis, he also had many copies I made for use in writing Honorable Men, which he is going to do, and for the Britisher Langold who asked for help before his Faustian deal with the CIA on Angleton. In all of that he has what you and Dennis can use, he thinks, as I had.

You should have the disk of Bogus by now. No acknowledgement from the dean of the law school or from the director of ARRB, to both of whom I sent full copies with all the exhibits. I do not expect any response from either because both should be embarrassed.

Best to you all,

Handy

Dear Harold,

Aug. 5, 1997

Enclosed with this letter you will find a review of a new book on the Cuba Missile Crisis which includes some questionable claims that don't stack with your analysis in Waketh. It seems to me it may be a case of Russian historical revisionism. There appears to be nothing about Khrushchev's desire for peace.

Judging from that commentary you sent me, Max Holland's book on the Warren Commission ought to be a real travesty and it will be useful to illustrate the continuing failure of the media. He seems to take the same pompous approach that Posner took to the new documents being released, declaring that the thousands of pages the ARRB has managed to disclose contain nothing that detracts from the government's account, as if Holland has had the time or would take the time to examine that mass of material. And would he be able to see something significant even if he inadvertently stumbled on something?

We will be going on vacation soon; spend a week in Florida before the kids have to go back to school. We plan to meet Hanh-Trang's sister and her family down in Key West, just a stone's throw to Cuba. Take care and give my regards to Lillian.

Best,

