

July 8, 1999

Dear Harold,

On July 6, I returned from a more-than-a-week trip across the peninsula to Brandon, FL (near Tampa) to visit my son's family and to continue looking for some small acreage where I can move and have a ~~small~~^{well} "farm." I was away from June 27 to July 6 so I could be there for my son's birthday (June 29) and my daughter-in-law's (July 4). My grandson is 20 months and he is a real charmer, as all grandparents believe!!!

During my stay, I watched some cable TV and caught MBN NBC News - a program that covered "The JFK Affair: Where are we now???" considering the Soviet release of LHO documents. The show was MCed by John Hockenberry and featuring 3 on-camera "experts." Gerald Posner, Dan Rather and Lawrence Schiller. Three guys who would conclude that LHO was guilty even if it was proven that LHO was a quadriplegic!!! A fourth panelist was "a researcher from Frederick, MD" (who I took to be you) on a faulty phone hookup. He was said to be Jerry McKnight. Frankly I never heard of Jerry and I find NO reference to him in any index in my meager library!!! The show proved nothing except that Posner can move his hands rapidly when talking!! and Schiller admitted that the Soviet info cannot be considered accurate or authentic.

The show was followed by another MBN NBC show, TIME/AGAIN in which Jackie was praised for her poise, composure and stature during that awful weekend. Some of the actual TV stuff was rebroadcast from those days. Frank McGee made a gross error and then repeated it!!! He said that Jackie was given a bouquet of "yellow" roses at Love Field and later he showed a black-and-white film sequence of the "yellow" roses abandoned and strewn in the back seat of the limo. I have not analyzed this double boo-boo (blunder) and can't fault Frank - the inaccuracy has to be laid to his writers, editors, etc. It reflects to me at first consideration that truth was not high on the list in early reporting!!!! These were CNN shows!!

What can one say?? I still have not found my manuscript and its backup copy!! I sort of remember misfiling them to protect against the building captain's late wife (she died of pancreatic cancer during my last trek) who could not wait for the automobile exhaust to cool in the parking lot before she was in a vacant apartment (they had master keys to all units). I don't think she would have taken both copies which were identical. If she had taken one at all, it was out of morbid curiosity since she totally misunderstood what I was doing!!!!

JFK planned to make his bid for greatness in his second term and perhaps his follow-on years. He was going to re-introduce the

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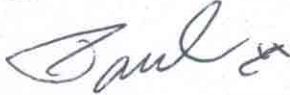
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Constitution into the ^{vs} equation of government. The people would be asked back into the of/by/for relationship!! This~~s~~ scared the bejeebers out of someone or some group!!! It is what motivated other "greats" like Washington and Lincoln and it was the noble and grand experiment of which they spoke!!!! The Gettysburg Address must have intrigued JFK and bolstered his word-smithery!!! His desire to out-Washington and out-Lincoln the Executive branch is akin to McGwire's assault on Maris and Ruth accomplishments!!!!!!!!

Mentioning baseball, the standings look like the old days when the Yankees and Red Sox battled for all the marbles. Great for the game!!

I can't say enough how I wish you the best of everything and hope all is going better for you and Lil. As I remember, August 3 is your anniversary - where did the half century go??????????

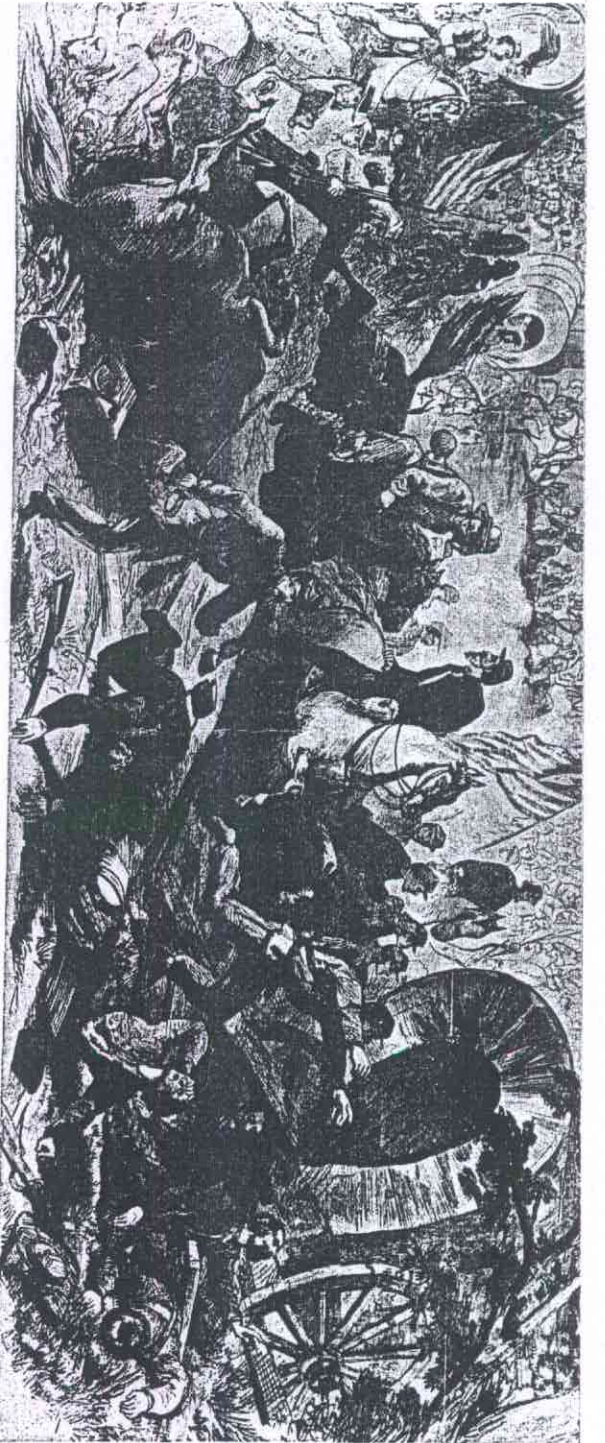
Best of it all, g

Paul Haller



Gosh, I feel bad about my typing, but, my ^{Fingers} ~~fingers~~ cannot keep up with my mind!!!

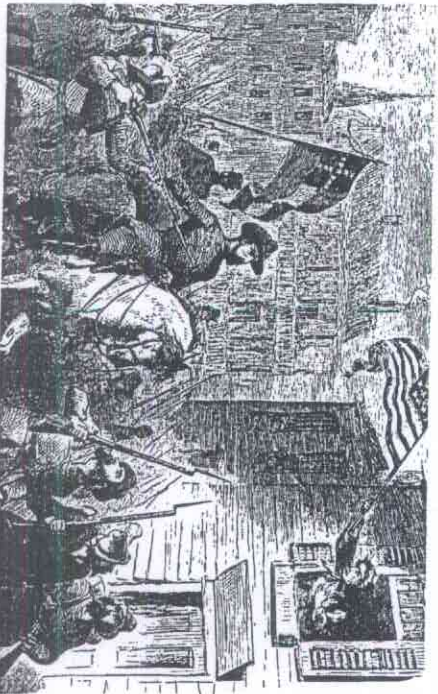
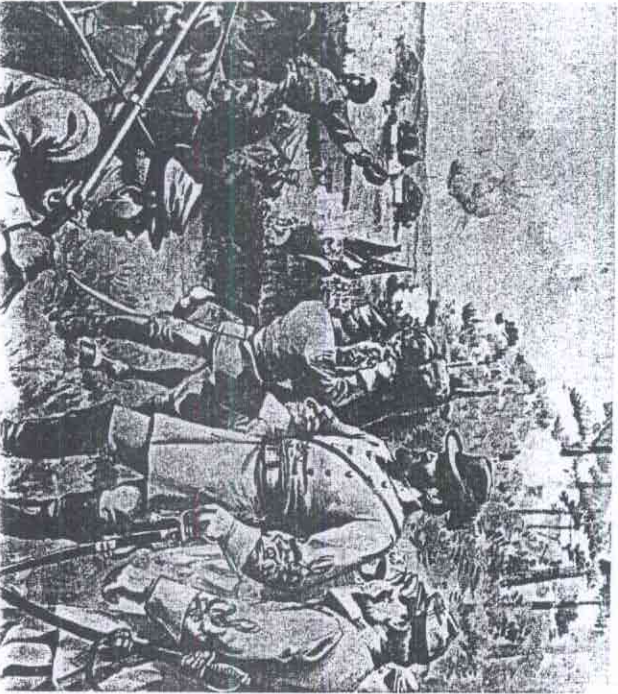
I'm hoping my visit and research at the Sixth Floor Museum in the Fall will provide me with the linchpin that will establish that NO bullet magic occurred in the Plaza!!!!



BATTLE OF BULL RUN

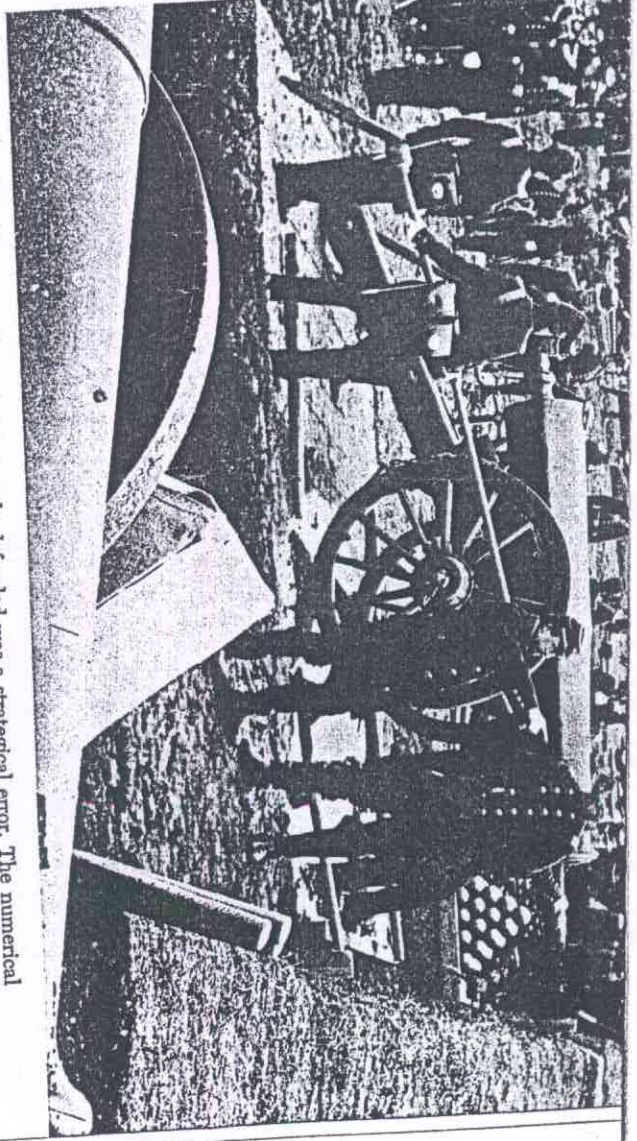
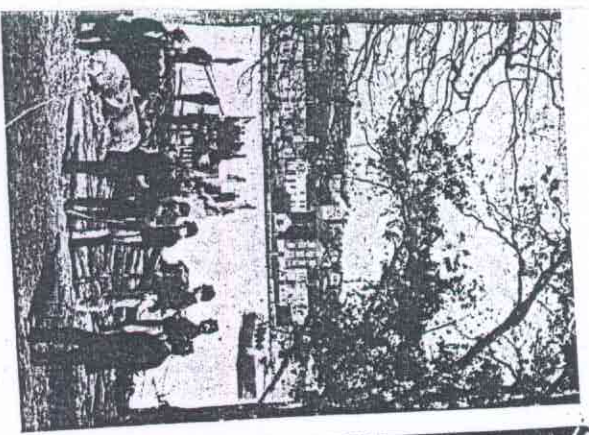
The war's first major engagement, a "fumbling, sloppy bit of execution by dead green troops," took place halfway between Centreville and Manassas, Va., on July 21, 1861. Major Gen. Irvin McDowell's 28,000 Yankee soldiers, eager to seize the capital at Richmond,

succeeded for a time in driving back Gen. Pierre Beauregard's 23,000 Confederate troops. McDowell hastily telegraphed the "victory" to Washington. Tide was turned suddenly in favor of the South by the arrival of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's 6,000 men from Shenandoah Valley. The Union retreat melted quickly into a near-rout as officers and men ran for their lives.



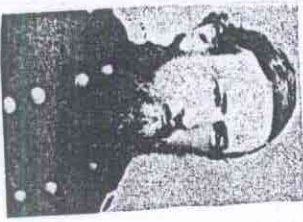
BARBARA FRIETCHIE'S DEFIANCE of the South was hurled upon the figure of Stonewall Jackson during his entrance into Frederick, Maryland. An angered trooper raised his rifle but was stopped by Jackson, who admired the woman's courage. This legend inspired Whittier's famous poem.

Another text reveals the actual streets Early reached and the buildings he occupied!!



WASHINGTON, D. C. THREATENED
McClellan's elaborate fortifications protecting Washington only once were seriously threatened. That threat took place when Gen. Jubal Early's 9,000 cavalymen confronted the capital in July, 1864. Union troops were rushed northward and Early withdrew. Northern insistence that

Washington be strongly defended was a strategical error. The numerical superiority of the Army of the Potomac as compared with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia had been considerably reduced by McClellan in 1861 when Federal troops (1.) were assigned to "guard the Potomac." In 1864, Grant revised McClellan's policy, left only a few heavy artillery regiments (1.) to defend Washington. Grant then outnumbered Lee in the field.



TO WHITE HOUSE
went six soldiers whose records assisted them to the Presidency. They were Brig. Gen. Benjamin Harrison (1.), Brig. Gen. A. Johnson, Gen. U. S. Grant, Maj. Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes, Maj. General James A. Garfield, and Major William McKinley.

LT. ARTHUR MACARTHUR (1.) was one of the Civil War's youngest Medal of Honor winners. Promoted to colonel shortly after the war, MacArthur,

