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Dear Harold,

My gut-feel tells me you are back home at your Old Receiver address!! So, I am sending this letter there! After care-giving for 3½ years for my late brother, I can see why the nursing home stay cannot get over fast enough! You still have a lot of "things" ahead, however.

Between the local library sales and my book clubs, I have been accumulating a lot of reading. Some of it has even induced me into rereading some of the works in my meager library!! Not everything I read is JFK-related, although much is! More and more, I believe my nephew was right when he was a boy and observed that something is cocked-eyed!!! The boy is now puking 50 and he and his siblings want to dumpster everything from the farm. Little nostalgia/little sentiment!! Enclosed is a photo of a little log cabin I made as a child out of dawning and berrybox lumber. It fit over an empty Log Cabin Syrup can and my late dad and brother put their "smokes" in the can and the smoke wafted from the chimney and made an enjoyable sight. I "rescued" the thing from the trashpile!!

Also on the farm we had every kind of soil. From the richest black dirt to washed gravel and sand. The topography reeked of glacial times and ice age relics were everywhere!! One field was rich in agates and I have one the size of a child's fist. When it was formed it met up with some 5-sided crystals, each about ½-inch long, very smooth, tapered like an obelisk. One crystal was imbedded, top first into the agate in a perpendicular fashion. The crystals are long gone but must have been heat-resistant enough to withstand the molten rock that formed the agate!!!

When we moved onto the farm, oldtimer neighbors told about the "flaming" rock that fell on the land and smoldered for many weeks!! When I grew a bit, I dug into the crater and came out with a "meteor" about 30-inches long, football shaped, and about 18 inches across. I had to get quite angry to get my sister's kids to take it away and put it in storage. My grandneice (13) wrote up the story for a term paper and got an A!! Surprising how many people now want to "examine" it. Southby's auctions bring \$30,000 for small chunks of such things. Searching the 40 acres never came up with similar rock material and it looks very much like the photos of meteors. Who knows, but at least it was saved from being buried again or hauled away to the landfill!!

Reading and researching the JFK events makes me very angry, never has so much evidence been ignored, altered or destroyed!!! JFK wanted to be remembered as a great president, therefore, along with his regular reading, he must have been especially attentive to

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each administration and more so to the great ones. He must have known by memory the era of George Washington. We know he had a great understanding of Jefferson. In no other period of history did the public have such an awareness of the separation of powers and the working of the executive branch than during JFK's years except perhaps during Washington's. As for his riding around on and open limo, he wanted the people to feel close to the presidency and as my late brother said, "It was his style!"

Since JFK's days the executive branch has been "blah" and even jokified!!! People back then were learning and relearning what the Constitution was ~~all~~ about. In many of JFK's speeches one can detect many of Washington's "ideas": peace, rights of man, liberty, democracy, constitution, His Hand in Things!!! As I recall those Days, one felt that he or she was part of it all!! No more. The presidency has reverted to nothing more than a necessity!! Part of the system. Ironic, that George was a unanimous pick (electorally) and JFK just ~~sneaked~~ by Nixon (luckily!) I believe JFK planned heavily that 1964 would be his "mandate" year!!!

It's been two years that the fire ant "etch-a sketched" my anterior left ankle/ the swelling, pain and itching has finally stopped. A swarm of those critters could do a lot of damage!!! The coolness in Minnesota peeled the dermal layers, but, the little rascal ~~robbed~~ all the way into the muscle!! I've been thinking: this may be Nature's answer to Viagra, but, the FDA has made no tests In a survey, regular ants could be used as a placebo!!! If I win the lotto maybe I can hire some jailbirds as g. pigs for a double blind study!! I do feel guilty <sup>relating</sup> the fire ant story which is trivial next to your problems. Also enclosed is a local reprint of a NY TIMES article about JFK's casket. There was no reason to deep-six it or to rebuild the limo or resurface Elm St. Everything involved should have been impounded <sup>by</sup> which would have been the way to handle a crime!!

I do hope things are going better for you and Lil, but, we can only go with the hand that has been dealt!!!!!!

The very best,

Paul Haller



Sorry about the lousy typing, but, my fingers can't keep up and my computer is packed away for the move across the peninsula!!

This mini log cabin was built by me as

a boy from dowling and berrybox wood.

It fits over an empty Log Cabin Syrup can into which my late dad and brother put their cigarette ashes and butts which wafted smoke out the chimney.

It was an interesting sight. I "rescued" it from my sister's kids who wanted to dumpster everything from the farm. This little log cabin brings ~~back~~ many fond memories and gave us all something to watch before the age of TV!!!!: Funny, the idea a kid will get!! I have not been able to locate here any syrup shaped like a log cabin - only plastic bottles!!

