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Dear Lonnie,

I hope your long silence does not indicate any health problems for any of you.

I've not phoned because I'm now retiring about 6 p.m. to get a little more sleep.

This morning I was wide awake at 12:45 a.m. and aside from my usual early-morning walking, most of which is resting, and skimming the paper, I've been at work since then.

These medical problems that lead to my living these convoluted hours ~~has~~ have made me more productive. The early hours are never interrupted by the phone or anything else external and it means I get more time to work before I tire, as I do so easily now.

Aside from Case Open, which is the butchered ^{2/25%} of what I wrote, before then I'd written NEVER AGAIN! that could and should have appeared before the middle of last years, about 250,000 words, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry, that long ^{er} longer, Waketh the Watchman, only about 50,000 words of so, and several long articles. With no publisher and the one who butchered Case Open suppressing NEVER AGAIN! what I do is for the record for history, anyway.

One of the long articles is Senator Russell Dissents (as he did, by the ~~my~~ way, ~~strongly~~.) It is more than 15,000 words and I'm adding to it to make it into a book. I've added about 70,000 words to it. Including much that reminds me of you. Thus I write.

Russell and Cooper refused absolutely to agree to the single-bullet theory that is indispensable to the Report. Aside from what Russell told me that ⁺ published in 1975, I now have records of his and of Cooper's reaffirming their steadfast refusal to agree with that. The other thing Russell told me is "I'm ^{they} satisfied they have ~~not~~ told us all they know about Oswald." He did not specify who was ~~who~~ but I think it was both the FBI and the CIA. About which we may learn more about April, when I understand John Newman's Oswald and the CIA is to appear. (I understand that the volume of what the CIA has disclosed of its 204 Personality ⁺ profile files on Oswald is more than 18 linear feet. I can't travel so I have not seen them.)

And I have a not inconsiderable amount in rough with much of the research copied for Honorable Men, on the Commission's lawyers, who so described themselves after Oliver Stone's JFK embarrassed them so much.

In addressing to the degree I can what Russell could have meant about Oswald I've been writing about how Rankin and Warren saw to it that the report he'd worked for some ^{Rankin} spookery would not be investigated. In the course of this I'm wondering again why ~~he~~ tried to put the ^{black} hat on you. There was no talk, for example, of calling Joe Goulden. They really never intended calling you. But he published the story before you did. But all their talk and memos focus on you and on the FBI only whereas you and Goulden and

all the others, including Sweatt and Alexander, always referred also the ^{the CIA} to and to ^{an} unnamed other agencies. I've finally concluded, as best I could, that Rankin did that in the belief, to use his words, that the FBI would wipe it out and leave it dead that way.

What I'd forgotten I have is an FBI record quoting Belli as saying that Ruby had been an FBI informer for 8 weeks and Oswald for 13 weeks. If there was ^{any} followup I do not have it. Neither is, ^{word} if true, and with ^{protective} Ruby it was true, enough to survive the probationary period for all symbol informers, six months.

I've had the Rankin memo of which I told you and ^{was} stolen from me replaced. In one sentence he ~~uses~~ gives the number 110669 and attributes it to you, via Wade. The only other mention of that number I have is in a memo of Kane Bertram in which he says that Secret Service headquarters gave him that number by phone the very day Wade, Carr, Storey and Alexander appeared before Rankin and Warren only, 1/23/64. He was told by an Inspector Thacker but ^{again}, no followup in anything I have.

The FBI records reflect that they decided that Alexander was the source of that story.

All I really know about the records the CIA transferred to disclosure under the 1992 law other than the little I've been told about that 201 Oswald file is that it was its usual dishonest self in not transferring any of its records on me. They are computerized and a friend got me a printout. There are about a 3/4" stack with much withheld by all agencies, particularly the FBI, and not a single page turned in by the CIA. What the CIA said about me is in five pages it gave other agencies who did turn them in. I've a prima facie case of their interfering with my publication here and in two countries abroad. I'm convinced E. Howard Hunt was involved here.

If you are interested in what is accessible on you prior to ^{any} the new Assassination Records board compulsion to disclose, all you need do is ask the Archives for a printout. They charge I understand it 25¢ a page if they do the copying, 10¢ if you or someone else does.

For us, both past 80, we are, I suppose, as good as at that age one can expect. Lil currently has lost her voice again, as she has intermittently over the years, no cause detected. She broke a wrist falling when gardening in May but it healed well. She had her second cataract removed and the ophthalmologist, as he said he would, actually improved her vision to where she now for the first time in her life goes without glasses most of the time. She uses them for some reading. I'm much weaker and ^{is} having much more trouble with my legs. I wonder how long I'll have them and if I can survive their removal. Plus a few other problems.

We hope all is going as well as it can with all of you. Our best to you all,

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