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Dear John,

It is a pleasure hearing from you and having reason to believe that you are well and happy. "nd doing what you want where you want to do it! Fine!

My work has changed, advanced and multiplied many times since I had any contact with any of your family. The last time I spoke to your mother was when she phoned to tell me of your father's death. Before he and your mother were married he was one of our two dearest friends and a wonderful one.

After the venous thrombosis that kept me from being at your sister's wedding over a period of years I developed additional medical problems as a result of which I am limited in what I am able or permitted to do. The last of about a half-dozen operations was open-heart. It went well. Lil and I are, for aKs pushing 80, OK, though. We still live in the country, but not at the farm for more than 20 years, and we enjoy the deer who regularly trespass, along with other animals.

I made extensive use of the Freedom of Information Act. As a result I have about a third of a million pages of once-withheld official records. They and all my work will be a permanent public archive at our fine local college, Hood.

I hope you mother and your sister and her family are well and happy. Please remember me to them.

When I got up, having slept well but unable to sleep longer, at 1:30 a.m., and when I washed and made my coffee ration and was sitting and drinking ~~it~~ your so welcome letter was so much on my mind I almost was undisciplined and emotional enough to write you first. I'd thought of much that I wanted to tell you but the grim reality is that there was much I did have to do. I dare not let these kinds of things accumulate because when I do they ~~do~~ accumulate. There is a clue in the LIFE article you saw.

Olive Stone is engaged in a dreadfully dishonest and disinformational exploitation and commercialization of the JFK assassination, regardless of the many good means he finds of lying about himself and it. The one I had to address first today, if only to make a record for history, is his diatribe in the current Premiere magazine, of which I'd never heard. If I think of it after Lil reads and corrects my mistakes and makes copies I'll enclose one. To a degree I think you'll understand enough. While + ignore most of these things I felt I should not ignore this one. It was his personal writing. At least his name was on it and he was nasty to me.

I regret that I will never be up that way. It has not been safe for me to drive out of Frederick since 1977 and I haven't. I am driven to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore from time to time but otherwise am never out of town. The medicine that has kept me alive since 1975 has made me a bleeder, on slightest contact. Thanks, and all our love to all of you.

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DEAR HAROLD,

JUST SAW YOUR NAME AND A BRIEF QUOTE
IN THE JFK ISSUE OF LIFE MAGAZINE. I
WELL REMEMBER YOUR INTENSE RESEARCH FOR
WHITWASH - AND IT'S SEQUELS - BACK IN THE
EARLY SEVENTIES. I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT
YOU WERE CLOSER TO THE TRUTH THAN ANYONE,
YOUR THEORIES JUST MADE SO MUCH SENSE.

SINCE MY DAD'S DEATH (CAN IT REALLY BE EIGHT
YEARS AGO?) I HAVE MOVED TO GARDNER,
MASSACHUSETTS. HERE I AM DOING A LOT OF
WRITING - OCCASIONALLY WORKING WITH MY
FRIEND, LOREN, ON INDEPENDENT FILMS AND
ENJOYING LIVING IN MY FAVORITE PART OF
THE COUNTRY - NEW ENGLAND.

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE WE GOT IN TOUCH.
I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF YOU AND LIL AND
THE FARM AND OF YOUR VISITS TO FOREST HILLS.
PLEASE WRITE - I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

all my Best
John

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IF YOU'RE EVER UP THIS WAY - CALL.