

Dear Dave,

2/18/98

If you and Tom can, we'll appreciate it. We have made no plans. We never do.

We've had the mildest February I can recall. I've been wearing shorts many morning, and I do leave early. Right now 52 on the window in my office. It was 45 this morning when I left, about 5:40.

Good for Stephen that you can find the time and be with him. Very important for growing boys from what I observed here years ago.

There is much gross inaccuracy in the Hersh book and much if not most of that is not accidental. It is also unfair and deliberately dishonest. He got himself wound up the more he got into it. Too bad. He'd been a fine reporter. Now he is ^{not} a reporter.

I've written all I intend of that but I'll welcome additions for filing.

It is being retyped now but dirty as the copy is I'm sure it will take time to correct what is retyped.

But I'm lucky that it is being retyped, no matter how long that takes.

Or requires.

He could not use ordinary source notes, end notes, because so much of what he wrote he just made up.

Some of it is just preposterous, like JFK needing Giancana to get Exner an abortion. Or that he's have given Giancana that kind of grip on his throat. The mafia plot that involved Giancana no Kennedy even knew about. It was of the August before the election and it was of the Eisenhower administration. Kennedy found out about it when the wiretapper got caught. I have quite a file on that. Make an interesting magazine piece.

In Canada Hersh even said that the Kennedy assassination was rough justice. And as of today I know of no connection of JFK with any assassination, real or plotted.

Unfortunate when people let their political beliefs control their judgment on such things.

Thanks and we look forward,

Hardy

February 16, 1958

Dear Harold,

We still haven't had winter yet, and there's nothing on the horizon. It will probably wait until April, I guess.

The first week of April is our spring break. I'm not sure if Tom's is the same week. We discussed the desirability of visiting for at least a day in the spring to help you celebrate your birthday if you were amenable. I am almost finished with

Dark Side of Camelot and am finding somewhere to read with all the repetitive "when" intermezzos in 199 - for "hibob" rather than source footnotes. There is frustrating, but only to clarity of add to a standpoint. Many of the sources seem credible, but many are a stretch. It

you like, I can go back over the book and cite examples from excerpts if that helps your writing.

Stephen has finished his regular season of recreation basketball and has started tournament. This has been good for him. I've been able to take him to every game and he has seen every practice and he has seen it through. Good for his confidence

My art history course is half done; we had the midterm last week. The rest we have is Remembrance. This is an uncluttered graduate course and more challenging than the education graduate courses I have been taking normally each year. I have been going both during week and getting around. Take care! Dave sincerely,