

8/29/91

Dear Lasse,

As by now you know I sent copies of our previous correspondence to my friend Dave Wrone. He sent me a copy of his letter to you of the 21st.

I hope what he sent is helpful

If I did not mention it, Olaf Seidenfaden's mother was Thai. Olaf insisted, even in the presence of his wife and mine, that Thai women were the world's most beautiful.

The only relative I remember his mentioning was the Copenhagen chief of police, of whom he was proud because of his part in the rescue of Denmark's Jews.

Your letter makes me think and it is true that I have always lived in areas famous in our history. I was born in Philadelphia and as a boy used to walk around Independence Hall, famous in the Revolutionary War and that era, and even in and around the small but preserved home of William Penn, after whom the State of Pennsylvania was named. The Morups lived with a few miles of my then home in Wilmington, Delaware, and when Washington stayed in the home in which they then lived it was at the time of the Battle of the Brandywine, the name of a river that continues into the Delaware River, thence goes to the sea. Both of the cities of my youth were prominent in the early history of this country. Delaware used to call itself, rather Wilmington did, The First City of the First State. This was because Caesar Rodney rode posthaste to Philadelphia to become the first signatory of the Constitution. A square in the center of Wilmington held a statue of him on his horse. The trip was about 30 miles by paved roads in my youth so when he rode cross-country it must have been longer. As I remember his passion and that of the state was such he rode nonstop for the signing. Frederick was famous in our Civil War. In losing a battle here the Union forces delayed the Confederates long enough to save the city of Washington. Several important battlefields not far a way, from a few miles to 30-40, where the pivotal Battle of Gettysburg was fought. In the heart of the city of Frederick and now used as one of the buildings for a school for the deaf and dumb is what has long been known as The Hessian Barracks. The British garrisoned Hessian mercenaries there. During the Civil War, when the rebels were marching on Washington from the west, General Jubal Early captured Frederick and held the city for ransom. He said he would rape all the women and steal all the wealth if he were not paid that ransom. The city fathers had to borrow what for those days was a great sum from the banks. It was only in recent years that a law was passed to end the regular annual payments on that debt and interest on it. Even Barbara Fritchey's house is preserved and is in perfect condition, if you know the poem. (It is, by the way, fiction.) She is said to have leaned out the second storey window, her hand on the flagpole, and to have said, "Shoot if you must this old gray head, but touch not my country's flag, she said." Poem's words. Yes, for so young a country, much history. Our favorite restaurant, Korean, is only a few doors from her home, solid brick but tiny by today's standards. Best wishes,

Harry

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Dear Harold Weisberg

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Thank you very much for your letter of august 13th. which I have just received, including the clipping from "Washington Post". I think it is very interesting that you have been in contact with some danish people through the years, and in that connection I can tell you, that the family "Seidenfaden" which you have mentioned in your previous letters, are very well known here in Denmark and are mentioned in the danish "Who's Who". A member of the family by the name of Thøger Seidenfaden, is chief-editor of one of the leading conservative newspapers in Denmark "Berlingske Tidende" which by the way is the oldest newspaper in the world, it was founded in 1749,

The other danish family you mention, Borup, seems to have been some very interesting people, and your description of the house they were living in, where Georg Washington once have been staying, give me the impression that the area you are living in is a historic place. Even that I think the present time is fascinating, the story of the american revolution and independent for over 200 years ago, is quite as interesting.

To get back to your reply to my request for information on your legal proceedings against the government, I appreciate your comments on this, and the address you gave me on your legal lawyer Mr.Lesar. I have send a letter to Mr.Lesar, and ask for the information you mentioned.

I am not surprised that your legal proceedings did not get very much attention in the american press. In my opinion it follows your effort to get your books published, the refusal from publishers and other people in the media-business to touch such dangerous material, because of the pressure from higher authority.

I am very pleased that you give me permission to publish your books in Denmark, but in the first place I have only intended to use the material for personally use, because it will take quite some time to get through all the books. But I can assure you, that if I ever get finished with a translation in danish, I will certainly send a copy to you, and Professor Gerald McKnight.

Thanks again,

Lasse Larsen



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Dear Mr. Larsen:

Harold Weisberg has written me about your recent inquiry to him concerning his FOIA cases, in particular the newspaper and media accounts of his progress, defeats, and victories.

I followed his cases closely during this time and can report that the press accounts were non-existent on almost all of them, a couple as I recall had a minor one line report. It is especially poignant to me because of the juxtaposition of two related items on the JFK evolving controversies. The day he won a major admission from the FBI on the testing of the bullet fragments, which meant an additional bullet existed and thus a conspiracy, he received no attention at all. Yet, the black comedian Dick Gregory had a Chicago newsconference where he gave a truly nutty account of the tramps killing JFK, and he got major television coverage. [No tramps existed.]

I send by different cover a copy of my published record of Mr. Weisberg's 2052 case that exposed the sitting President Ford as a liar and a felon, as well as incompetent. Pure dynamite and no coverage. The book contains the complete court record. You are welcome to do what you wish with this book in Danish and can take this letter as permission to use.

Sincerely yours,

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