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Dear Harold,

Please find enclosed a letter I started writing 2-27-97. It has been that kind of two years. I will not be able to make the Spring Break research trip. However, "Lord willing and the creek don't rise," I'm making accommodations with a friend who lives in Frederick to arrive at the end of June, 1999 for sure. I'll contact you no later than June 12th in order to verify the best hours and days to visit you and do research. The remainder of this letter was written 2-27-97.

I enjoyed positive results during Term 8 at Cooper City High School with certain of my Junior honors American history students. As a result, I have just about received all of the Clay Shaw trial transcript material and happily the same can be said for Hoax from Dr. Ginnochio. As usual, I am impressed with the content and only wish the publisher printed all of it. Whoever edited the manuscript did not do justice to Case Open. Many of my community college students registered an understandable reaction to what appeared to be, "too intense a personal reaction," to Posner's

Case Closed.

In fairness to you, I explained that they were at a disadvantage because they had not read all your work regarding the JFK assassination and therefore were not fully equipped to put what was published in Case Open into complete context and perspective, as an antidote for Posner's venom. I also related that whereas a generation of Americans have been born after November 22nd, it is understandable that their relationship to the event is markedly different from ours. Yet, in the main, what they took away from the course experience was an appreciative view of the service you performed for your fellow citizens. Is there any chance the another, longer, edition will see publication (with an index) by Carroll and Graff?

Also, I cannot help responding to your query in Hoax, regarding the need for monitoring your records once they become a part of Hood College. Yes! They should be put on closed reserve with security precautions. The intensely political nature of President Kennedy's death will create continued shenanigans until all connected parties are dust. I believe it will take at least another one hundred years before your and other researchers' efforts will be afforded the opportunity to be impartially treated by the American public. Until then, continued commercialization, exploitation, commodification and capitalization will remain the norm.

For as long as I have been cognizant of (right wing) political activity in this country, one of its worst defining characteristics has been paranoid, "uptight" individuals; some of them perversely unyielding to any type of open dialogue intellectually where the topics of diversity and political

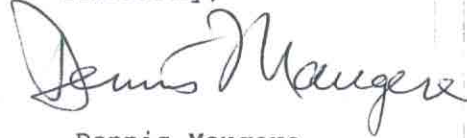
persuasion are concerned.

I couldn't help identifying with your impish treatment of the two agents who were tape recording you at one of the radio talk shows you participated in many years ago. The various undercover authorities who used to monitor those of us who were heretical enough to exercise free speech in the Plaza of the Americas at the University of Florida during the late 1960's and early '70's, were as recognizable as the "plain" cars they drove ( I think it was the extra antenna that was always the dead give away) and as easy to detect. Feigned interest in the speeches that were made there just seemed to leap from their faces. Fortunately, I never experienced the kind of shakedown you did or destruction of personal property. When I think back to the excesses of those days, the blatant hypocrises, and the irony of certain authorities attempting to subvert constitutional freedoms because they were threatened by fellow citizens who dared to take their liberties seriously; I often wish I had some of their addresses so I could mail pictures of the radical grass-watering and home improvement projects and other routine family oriented activities that characterize my daily life, as a way of illustrating to them that the exercise of freedom and liberty was not a prelude to anarchy or the beginning of the dismantling of America.

The fact remains, though, that people like Posner perpetuate behavior that extends well beyond literary thievery. I hope Hood secures your bequeathal! Request that they put everything on closed reserve.

In closing, give my regards to Lillian. I hope she has mended well. I'm looking forward to meeting both of you in June.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Maugere". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dennis Maugere

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