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Dear John,

And all the time I thought you were cleaning out a long-neglected attic in a farmhouse in the Gettysburg area!

But being near family, particularly a sister who is so helpful, is a big advantage.

There is no monopoly on being right and wrong~~s~~ and we do, I believe, have obligations not often observed today -- <sup>like</sup> refusing to be part of what we believe is wrong.

So, a curt bow and a swivling cape to you for taking the once-respected and expected traditional position.

The last time I did that in the government was not in any sense helpful to me, respected, or noted when time and events proved me to have been correct--on the policy involved. I've not thought of that in years.

Sorry you are not close enough to transplant some of the flowers we have in surplus.

The day lilies, one of my favorites, are just beginning to bloom. Good year for them and we've hundreds in the way of other flowers.

If that computer network you refer to is Compuserve Library, please try to be alert to the evil of a master of evil, David Lifton. <sup>H</sup>e has been using it extensively recently. His SOP. not being able to respond to factual criticism, is to attack, without regard to fidelity with fact and often with falsehood, slanders, etc. He is the commercializer and exploiter best known for his mistitled fraud he knew was a fraud, Best Evidence. (It isn't at all!)

While I have no real knowledge of that network, I'll be surprised if any other than idle theorizers who have no knowledge of the established fact take that time.

I have no real information on the appearance of the new book. My friend Richard Gallen is copublishing with Carroll & Graf. C & G have made a bundle out of trashy theories presented as fact. They are big on Harry Livingstone's High Trash 3, retitled Killing the Truth and aimed at all critics other than Harry from what he's said about it. All conspired to keep him from solving the case. The fall over not retrieving the fragments from Connally before he was buried loaned itself ideally to a natural and factual promotion of my book. They did nothing, asked nothing, and I expect nothing from the article I sent them yesterday on it. However, I had no alternative and will have to sweat it out. I am surprised not to have been given any target pub date.

I do not have fax and really have no place for a machine. <sup>body</sup> Nobody close has one I can use. And if the nuts knew I had one they'd give me nuts, I fear. The advantages are, alas, obvious. Sorry I can't have one.

Sorry about the delay in responding. The fine young woman who was helping me with filing in particular has graduated. I was too late/seeking a replacement because the school year was ending. I hope to get one the coming semester. We hope you are happy here and that it will be possible for you to visit us from time to time, sincerely, Harold

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I apologize for being so remiss in responding to your last. Unfortunately, I was required to lend a bit more of my time to the problem with which I was involved - all against my desires and judgement. In fact, my sister had to move my household goods, as I had committed to moving and had no effective manner to delay. My problem devolved into a particularly obnoxious situation, due to my commitment to the position that we had insufficient reason for doing what was being proposed. Accordingly, I simply told some folks to stuff it...I couldn't ethically be party to a position I deemed as contrary to our interests.

So here I am in New Jersey, of all places. Please note the new mailing address and telephone number...all courtesy of my sister who found an unusually cute place in the country and leased it for me. I'll be here a year or two...until I can determine what I want to do, etc.

I have transitioned nicely to private life and no one here knows me...I spent the weekend, after spending the week unpacking boxes, planting flowers...I couldn't ask my sister to unpack as she had been so gracious on the Virginia end...and she lives here in New Jersey. So I am settling in, surrounded by pine trees, to a more quiet, peaceful, and enjoyable environment.

I'm sorry I didn't have the opportunity to visit with you and Mrs. Weisberg, but that simply was overcome by events.

I discovered, on Saturday evening, a robust discussion group on the assassination on a computer bulletin board. It has several thousand messages and spans the entire country. These systems consist of a local host computer, with which one communicates via the telephone, and posts messages and files. The messages/files are then transferred around the country on a daily basis by the various "hosts". Using these systems permits one to send "electronic mail" very rapidly and effectively. This particular conference may prove to be of some interest. Anything of note I encounter I'll pass on to you. In an associated venue, I was happy that my WR volumes and the microfilm arrived safely.

I am very interested in your progress on your most recent writing and would appreciate any information regarding it you would care to share.

Do you have a FAX machine? I don't recall seeing one, but if you do I can FAX material to you more rapidly and efficiently than mailing.

Well, that's about all for now as I don't want to bore you. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your last letter.

Regards to Mrs. Weisberg.

Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, bold 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a smaller 'M'.

John W. Masland