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Dear John,

I'm glad you want to address governmental failure at the time of the JFK assassination and since then. What I was really talking about is the failure of all the basic institutions of our society, not only ~~the~~ government. I think it is past time for this or these to be addressed.

I'd like to take more time than I ^{now} can to respond to your 2/11 but at the moment can't. A fellow writer and his wife have been here for several days, will be here a few more, and this always means I get behind on what I must do, from responding to letters, of which yours was one of about a dozen yesterday, to packaging and mailing the orders, on which I'm already two days behind. Plus we have a couple of extra medical appointments and tests this coming week. And on 1/31 I started an article, for the historical record if for nothing else, addressing the Commission counsels' roundrobin proclamation of their honor, integrity and performance and I'd sure like to complete the draft.

One thought is that if you intend an article limiting what you address to the government is fine, but if you are considering a book, which I think would be a great idea, you should expand your outline. (Nothing wrong with the beginning being a bit disjointed because the important thing is to begin and that means getting random thoughts down.)

Another is that probably we should discuss this at greater length. If you'd like to do that in a week or so, whenever I'm caught up. We could then go into the details of the illustrations in your tentative outline and some you have not included. If you would like to do this, perhaps you might want to tape it to be able to give more thought to it later.

If not, if I have not responded with specifics after a week or two, please remind me and I'll do that. Meanwhile, would you consider expanding what you have in mind to a book? If not, to what publications would you want to submit what you will write? The latter can influence what you include and exclude, length, etc.

A book would be much work but I think you would find it gratifying if you are willing to invest the considerable time and effort it would take. An article can be expanded into a book and/or can be worthwhile in itself.

The storm was little trouble because a neighbor cleared the snow from the lane and anticipating the snow the night before we brought enough food home from the restaurant of our oriental friends. Our visitors were so taken by their bi bia bop they insisted on it for dinner again last night. Please excuse my haste. Best wishes, Harold Weisberg

Harold
Ron

After you left I wondered whether the cordless phone that reaches the world for you would be useful for you and what the cost is, purchase and charges thereafter.

You may have noticed that rather awkwardly I have an old CB in the kitchen. I'd gotten it so Lil could page me when I was able to walk more and did. I had a small hand-held set I've since given away.

The possible use now is if the phone lines go down and we need help. Of course that requires that the electricity service continue.

If it does not the CB is useless.

Thus my interest in the phone you had with you.