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Dear John,

We are glad to hear from you! And surprised at where you are. As well as happy about why you are! Our best on that!!!

I had given up on seeing NEVER AGAIN! published. They sat on it for two years and then had a sudden rush. It was not nearly as badly done as Case Open, of which they published only about 20%. And butchered what they did publish. And I'm finding it impossible to get copies! You are one of those I wanted to send copies to, those who helped in any way, and I wanted a few for the media. And they managed to forget to include the index and I think omitted two pages one of which held a picture. All of what was omitted was in type, too. I saw the proofs. But the reaction is the most complimentary ever and that is gratifying.

What you had done for me that I used was the enhancement of the FBI's picture of the tie in which it employed all its not inconsiderable skills to obscure all that could be. You brought the pattern of the tie^{out} and that identified it with the one of which I'd gotten a clear picture they'd not given the Commission. All are used,

For our ages we are about as well as ~~well~~ we can expect to be. We are both having more trouble moving around til now more than I.

Collecting information on the cold war is an excellent idea. I hope you can get all that is possible from that end. When you are back, I have some recollections of its earliest days, when it really began, in the teens, and then after Hitler raised his ugly head and before bombs flew.

If one of the friends you made in the military can help and is willing the KGB has something I'd like to have, if they will disclose it without being paid. They have a profitable for-pay disclosure business going. It has to do with Captain Alexi Davison. If you did not know, he was in the embassy as a doctor. He was caught servicing a Penkovsky drop and was deported. There was a bit in the papers about that. What the papers did not say is that when the supposed red Oswald was returning to the US Davison gave Oswald his mother's name and address in Atlanta with the suggestion Oswald look her up. And there is little less like than Mama Davison would want to see anything of any shade of red, except perhaps on a dress.

She was a nurse in I think the Wrangel army in Siberia when Alexi's father, a doctor from Atlanta, was there with the Graves army. They married and returned to Atlanta. Both were very, very anti-Communist. Which in the official mythology Oswald ~~also~~^{supposedly} was. But he was not. He was strongly anti-USSR communist and anti-US Communist. So I wonder that Davison told LHO to look her up and whether he did more than service that drbg. Or was suspected of more, which ~~we~~ could make that Oswald bit more interesting.

The KGB Moscow has records of Oswald being anti-USSR while in the USSR. This was disclosed by Yuri Nosenko. The KGB Minsk made a deal with a thoroughly reprehensible man named Lawrence Schiller for access to their Oswald records. Schiller got Norman Mailer to do the writing and a wretchedly bad book emerged. Mailer begins assuming the truth of the official mythology. I am confident that Schiller made the deal for money but Mailer will not respond on that. He actually says that Schiller convinced them Mailer is the American Tolstoy! Not much chance they bought that or dealt for that. But all the KGB Minsk then had was their surveillances on Oswald. The file had been sent to Moscow where Nosenko read it. •

Schiller has a long record of buying exclusives and making deals with writers. This disgrace, mistitled Oswald's Tale, is their fourth such project.

How the Russian military feels about the end of the cold war and what may ensue should be an important and worthwhile study. I fear it happened too fast and that gives them more and more difficult problems. Us, too.

and if you meet anyone over there connected with their publishing I have all the rights to all my books and their people have never had anything straight on the assassination published there for them to read. As you know and nobody over there is likely to believe easily, I restrict myself to fact, no theories and official facts at that.

In HURRY AGAIN! I ask, "Was there a military conspiracy?" After you have read all of it, not just that chapter, I'd like to know what you think.

What my parents left when they came here a century or so ago was so painful to them they never taught me a word of Russian. They used that for their discussions of that. They could not use Yiddish because I knew that well enough. Do the only Russian I remember from my childhood was from the family present on my tenth birthday, a nice Victrola. Among the records they got was one titled Dudky Bradt. The label translation was Fiddlesticks, Brother. I hope you do not find that appropriate!

We hope your stay there is happy and that you can do well with that research project. We need more understanding, each side, both ways, and that can be very helpful and worthwhile information.

Our best to you all,

Harold