

Dear Dennis,

4/20/92

As I remember back more than 15 years to that winter night when the weather was so bad the plane dumped us off at Green Bay and we continued by bus or ^{to} the other days and night ^{I think of nothing is} that justifies your describing my hosts as "strange." To me they were not. To me they were good and honest young people struggling against long odds with very little money. I was favorably impressed by your houseful and so told Dave often. I hope the others did as well as you. The farmhouse was a bit runder ^{run} but so was at least one car, yet it ran. And we didn't freeze in the house, or get splinters from the cable reels. Even the orange crates did not fall on me.

When you refer to the Union-Leader as "famous" I think you have something else in mind. So I tell you that if it had not been for Bill Loeb I might never have been able to publish Whitewash and if his secretary had not goofed Regnery would have published it six months earlier at Loeb's request. Long story for which I do not take time but he did try to help and when the printer who'd agreed to print the book broke the contract as the presses were about to roll and I phoned ^d Loeb he made the introduction to ^{another} ~~the~~ printer who, knowing I was broke and in debt, gave me credit and the presses rolled. I am much in his debt.

When Ginocchio taught a criminology class he used some of my work and ~~my~~ gave ~~me~~ thought to those aspects so perhaps he might make some suggestions. But off the top of my head I can't think of a more ^{cal}practical subject than the one Dave suggested. I have a considerable volume of records but for the most part they are not segregated as you'd need them and it would take much time to retrieve what you might want. However, the records the police gave the Texas Court of Inquiry were microfilmed and deposited at the Library of Congress. As I remember now Bud Fensterwald got the microfilm and I had two sets of prints made and gave him ^{one and} the microfilm. Perhaps you can borrow it from the Assassination Archive and Research Center, 918 F St., NW, [#]510, Washington 20004 (Jim Lesar). Dave is a director. The rest you could get from what has been published. Of what the police have released since I'm not aware of any substantive information. They had arrested and let go the men called "teamps" but who had no connection with the crime at all so no criticism of them except for phonying up charges to hold those men several days. Under those circumstances most police ^{would} ~~who~~ have done the same thing.

An assessment of any aspect of the alleged evidence against Oswald, particularly ballistics-related, could be a good subject.

But I think you may have a better ~~an~~ idea after you read what I've published. If Dave did not tell you, all the more recent books are flawed, most seriously and are not dependable. So don't be influenced by any of them and don't waste money on them. The crime itself was never investigated so there are no real leads for the theoreticians to follow and besides, they all just made it up....The FBI's lab work is mostly kn ticklers that can be retrieved easily, have been disclosed to me, and can be gotten from it for 10¢ a page.

Glad to hear from you and that you did so well after a real struggle! Best,

Harold

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

It was good to hear of you from Wrone and Ginocchio. I often think back to the first assassination symposium we had in Stevens Point and I am sure that you remember the very strange farmhouse (and stranger occupants) where you stayed.

We had a wonderful visit from Wrone. He gave an excellent lecture which left the students (and some of us faculty members) with a much clearer view of the Kennedy assassination and the issues surrounding the failure to investigate it. And he certainly set them straight on the Stone movie. We had a great turnout and several inquiries from students afterwards who wanted to know of some good books to read on the subject. As it turns out, our library has none of your books, nor do I. I would greatly appreciate a list of your books and the cost. Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope for that purpose.

Until visiting with Wrone in Wisconsin last August, I had not involved myself in the assassination except very marginally. I was preoccupied with first getting through graduate school and then getting tenure. Now that these are behind me, I would like to do a little work on the assassination. Perhaps you might be able to suggest a topic or two that might fit in well with my work in criminology. Wrone suggested that one possible area might involve the criminal procedures of the Dallas Police Department following the assassination.

Hope you are well.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Enclosed is a report from the famous Manchester Union Leader on Wrone's lecture. It is not a completely accurate report, but does convey the basic argument.