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Dear Dal,

I'm glad from yours of the 19th that some of your confidence has returned. And I appreciate the kind things you say.

You may get some questions to which you have no answers. If so it is not unlikely that there are no answers. There is so much nuttiness going around! But if you'd like, you can ask that person to please write his question out with his address, give it to you, and you'll send you can get an answer. If you do that, I'll try.

If you have trouble getting Case Open printed out, Gerry Ginocchio did it, I think. I know he got it done. But not commercially, as Richter did.

Ginocchio lives at 591 Lucerne Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302. Fine guy. His friend and fellow sociologist Dennis McDonald, is more hep on computers, Gerry says.

Both are former students of Wrono but they did not know each other then. They got to know each other when working on their doctorates.

Dennis also teaches an assassinations course, at St. Anselms College, in Manchester, New Hampshire. He and Gerry are working on a paper for a sociology convention in August.

A few minutes ago I finished the draft of the sixth chapter of my book on Norman Mailer and his coming face of a book Oswald's Tale. I've read the wretchedly bad condensation in The New Yorker.

I've finished my ridiculing of Mailer and have begun that of Schiller. I think there may be an outside chance that some publisher may get interested. I think there is less love of Mailer and less respect for his two Pulitzer's than there was. And the review, in Publishers Weekly, which usually can find something not bad to say about a book because its income is from book and book-related ads, ~~thought~~ ^{thought} it was a poor book.

I've been thinking of two different titles, each with the same subtitle, either ~~the~~ Mailer's Tales or Mailer's Whitewash, Of the JFK Assassination. Any opinion? Of course after I see his book I may think differently and have another idea.

after these two parts on the two of them I'll get to their book and then I'll return to the disgraceful explanation Mailer gave for avoiding the evidence-in speaking to University history majors the evidence is "impenetrable." I think that gives me an excuse for using Senator Russell Dissents following that and then the defense-brief part of Case Open to show just how "impenetrable" the actual evidence is. Similar to the original formula for Case Open. Still no word on when NEVER AGAIN! will appear.

You did perceive that I intend Waketh as part of the series, as the sequel to NEVER AGAIN! as I hope you'll be able to see soon.

I'm sure the reception you'll get will be fine and I look forward to hearing that from you. I think you'll find quite a few do care and a few who think in terms of acceptability from the hacks above them. Best,

Handwritten signature

Auckland, 19th April 1995

Dear Harold

Today I received your letter of 8th April, enclosed along with the documents relating to the paper bag, and your letter of 11th April with the p/copied pages from Jim Marrs' book. I thank you heartily for both letters and for the p/copied papers, and for your strong support. I appreciate it more than I can say.

Without your help, your advice and your guidance I would not have got very far in my study of this event. I think I would have been lost, reading everything new that came out and still not knowing what to believe. I owe you for so much. You have been a kind and patient teacher. I would say without any hesitation you have also shown much wisdom in the way you have taught me. I know I am still very deficient in detailed knowledge, and always will be, but thanks to you I think I now have an understanding of what happened, and what did not happen, and a sense of the importance of both elements in the 'investigation'.

By now you will have received the draft copy of my address to the AHTA conference. I will work on it again in a week or so, after I have phoned you. I will be very interested to hear your suggestions for changes or alterations. After I have time to let your ideas mature in my head for a while I will go back to it and fill it out here and there.

I do feel a lot more confident now about facing some of the criticism I know is likely to be thrown at me at the AHTA conference. I am going to take your advice and put copies of Humes' declaration he had burned the first draft of the autopsy report, and the Katzenbach memo, onto OHP acetate. I will not hand these out, and I shall hold them back to use if and when I get somebody doubting and sceptical challenging me to substantiate and quote my 'evidence'.

As I mentioned on the phone, I finally got "Waketh the Watchman" printed, after some problems with the software which did not exactly match up with whatever system they tried to use it with here first. I do not understand why but it had to be converted to another word processor system before it could be printed. I am sure glad I took it to the Computer Science Dept at the University of Technology. Anybody else may well have wiped the disk trying to get it to print. I have no page numbers on what was printed for me, and the pages themselves as I have them would not be the same as the pages you would have on your copy.

It is a wonderful book Harold, your best I think. No, that is not quite right, although it does stand alone as a book in its own right, it is also like a continuation of themes from all your earlier books. It tied some loose ends together for me. I do not think I would have appreciated "Waketh" the way I did had I not read your other books first. As I told you on the phone, I found it hard to put down. I actually carried it around (in a ringbinder) with me for a lot of Easter. I was moved by it. It made a profound impression on me. You will see in my draft address where I took a few phrases and words from "Waketh" and used them. And I was surprised, and pleased, to see you had mentioned me. You did not have to do it. I feel very honoured. Thank you.

You can probably tell I am rushed typing this. I have busy time ahead of me the next few weeks. There is meeting of the national executive of my association this coming weekend, which I am chairing. It will take the whole weekend. I will phone you on our Saturday morning just before going to the meeting. All I will have time for is to make some notes from the phone call and then I will go to the meeting.

Your idea of giving David Lange a copy of the edited "Whitewash" is brilliant, he would appreciate it I know, and I am sure he will read it. I would not be surprised if he wrote to you.

love and best wishes to you and G
Pat

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Auckland, 9th April 1995

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Dear Bill

Many thanks for your letter of 28 March with the explicit directions of how to print the data on the disc Harold sent me with the unedited text of CASE OPEN. I am well aware how easy the uninitiated can damage or lose the information on a disk when using the wrong computer hardware.

Quite close to my own college campus there is a university of technology that has a large computer science department with Apple-MacIntosh computers. I am just waiting for a chance to take the disk to somebody I know there who can print it off for me. Lately I have been so busy I have just not had the time. I will make sure I do in the near future.

Thank you for the copy of the letter from Senator John Sherman Cooper in which he acknowledges he too did not accept the single bullet theory. I had not realised that Cooper felt as strongly as this, i.e. that he was prepared to put it down in writing. These people know what they are doing I think when it is in black and white like this, with their signature below it.

When I get around to getting the disk printed I will let Harold know of course. Should there be an accident with the disk I shall certainly contact you for a replacement. That is very generous of you, and is much appreciated.

I think you are fortunate being able to spend time with Harold. I have learnt much about the assassination from Harold, more than I could ever have done merely by reading books. My understanding of the issues has come from Harold through a heavy correspondence and our few phone calls. It would be so much better to visit Harold in the flesh as you can do. If it were not so far from New Zealand to Maryland I would have visited him by now.

Again, many thanks for your help Bill. I hope to be able to return the favour one day.

Yours faithfully

Dal McGuirk

Harold, copy for
your information
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Auckland, 9th April 1995

Professor David Wrone
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Dear David

This is written at a time of great personal rush and hurry, I seem to have everything to suddenly get done in a few short weeks. I apologise for this not being a longer letter.

I expect Harold may already have told you I am addressing a conference of history teachers in Auckland on 8th May on the topic, **The JFK Assassination; Fact and Mythology**. This is a major conference for lecturers and tutors of history from NZ's universities, colleges and high schools. Some 200 delegates are expected from all over New Zealand.

Harold and Gerald McKnight are sending me a selection of documents from their files that they think I may be able to use at the conference to illustrate aspects of my subject. May I also copy and circulate your piece, **Publications of the Warren Commission**, at the conference? This was the four page backgrounder you sent to me along with the collection of material entitled **Corruption: The Testimony of Charles Givens**. And while I am at it, seeking permission to copy and circulate your material, I may as well ask if I can copy and circulate selected parts of this as well?

I intend using the exposure I will get at the conference to advertise the senior secondary school text book on 'Evidence in the JFK Assassination' I am getting together, with Harold's help of course. I will be handing around a questionnaire at the conference to test how teachers see such a book being used with their students. This sort of user response and information feedback will be of interest to the publishers who are always careful to research the potential market for a book.

If you should have anything else that you think may be of interest to my audience, please feel free to send it down to me. I shall be more grateful than words can express. I am sailing into uncharted waters with this presentation at the conference, and I am looking for all the help I can find. You will not be surprised to hear that Harold has marshalled his resources and is giving me great support, moral and practical.

I look forward to hearing from you. With warm greetings from Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Yours faithfully

Dal McGuirk

Harold, copy for
your information
Dal

Auckland, 10/05/95

Dear Harold

This will only be a short note I am afraid, my time is really stretched right now. I just have so many things I have to get done. The volume of other work I have piling up is too great to ignore any longer. There is house work to catch up on, things to do in the yard, things I want to do with my children, both of our cars need repair work, preparation for two new programmes I have to teach next term, getting organised for a trip down to New Plymouth with my family for a few days next week, firewood to get in and chop for Winter, attend to a backlog of correspondence, give the German publishers a breakdown of other photos I have that they could use in the German language edition of Rommel's Army in Africa, and the list goes on and on. Of recent weeks I have given an inordinate amount of my time to two things; preparing for the address at the university, and writing up a submission (on behalf of my professional association) to a government sub-committee that will be recommending a re-organisation of career guidance programmes funded by the public purse. In these few weeks everything else seems to have got behind. Oh, and having our home on the market took up a lot of our time too. We have taken it off the market for a few weeks, we need a breather!

This week is the first week of our end of term break, two weeks only. I wish it were longer. I think I may have told you NZ still follows the model of an English education system that dates back almost to colonial days. These two weeks are the traditional autumn academic vacation taken by all educational institutions here, from kindergartens to universities.

The conference was great. I had a good reception and I actually went a little over time. I had been allocated a total of 90 minutes, but I spoke for nearly 80 minutes and questions took up another fifteen minutes. I used a few more overhead transparencies that I had originally planned, and they always seemed to lead to some digression or other. I got over my nervousness by practicing the speech over and over until I had it nearly word perfect- I hardly had to read my notes, just needed to refer to them to keep on track. I put the speech on tape at home and played it back a few times while I followed it with my notes. My wife (Chris) and daughter (Emma) sat through the speech on Saturday night to check me out.

I am enclosing a copy of the actual text of the notes I used, you will see where I made a few alterations and additions. I am also enclosing a copy of the questionnaire I handed out and a list of the documents I collected for the handout. Chris Chittenden helped me word the questionnaire and when the information it gives us has been collated I should have a good idea of specific form and content to build into the book.

There were about 150 delegates at the conference, most from Auckland but good number from other regions in NZ. About 110-120 turned up for my presentation. I saw the difference in numbers when David Lange spoke, the theatre was nearly full, at least another 50 people attended to catch his sparkling delivery, full of wit, laced with interesting anecdotes of world leaders he had met and worked with, and stories of NZ politicians too.

In contrast my speech was very earnest, measured and deliberate, and not witty at all. Most of the delegates were secondary school teachers of history, but there were a small number of tertiary-university lecturers too. I had no time to speak to David Lange. He arrived late, gave his apologies and explained he had come from a function for a parliamentary party from Zambia, and left as soon as his speech was over. I am going to write to him and send him a copy of my speech. I shall also let him know you have posted a copy of "Selections from Whitewash" which I shall pass on to him when it arrives.

I have added a list of the questions I took at the end of my speech. You will see none were really informed questions. There was one person who joined the small circle around me after Lange had left and talked as if he thought the Warren Report should be taken seriously but he knew almost nothing about it. The others who were talking with me were all interested in finding more about your books or the courses I had mentioned David Wrono and Gerry McKnight taught.

Since Monday I have only talked to Jim Froom, the AHTA secretary, and a teacher from my college Maggie McKenzie, about how my speech went down and they both thought what I said made a strong impression. I found it heartening that the few who stayed and talked with me after the theatre had otherwise emptied were interested in finding out more. It is not how I came across that was the important issue, it is what I had to say and whether people understood it. I hope it was a good promotion for the idea of the book. I have not had a chance to talk to Chris Chittenden yet. From just a cursory look through the replies I have so far to the questionnaire (only about 20, Jim Froom has some more he tells me) it is apparent there would be a very good market for a book along the lines of the one I described to the conference.

The next step now will be to meet Chris Chittenden with the questionnaires analysed and see if we can make a few preliminary decisions about the book. I wish to make sure the material I am planning to use in my course will help me in writing the book. It gives me an ideal opportunity to test ideas with my evening class for expanding on and developing material that can go into the book. The idea of building the book around enabling students to make a historical reconstruction was well received at the conference I thought.

Harold, it is not in the notes I am sending you, but when I stood up to speak on Monday afternoon I said very early in my remarks that I would not have had the confidence to speak on such a subject as the JFK Assassination, and before such an audience, if I had not received enormous support and guidance from you through our correspondence. (I felt you were with me in spirit.)

You were right of course about my reception on Monday. There were no embarrassing ugly questions, not a one, and if there had been I know I could have handled them by directing them to acknowledge the evidence I am now able to confidently refer to.

I gave the name and address of "The Last Hurrah Bookshop" out at the conference. I will be interested to see if anybody writes to them for books. I think most will wait to see what I am able to include the book. You will see I also advertised your name and address in

connection with buying copies of your books. I look forward to hearing what volume of mail you have from New Zealand in the coming weeks and months.

I am very very happy to learn that "NEVER AGAIN" has been released. As you can imagine I am looking forward to receiving the copy I ordered from "The Last Hurrah Bookshop" I hope they remember to send it by airmail.

This letter is already much longer than I thought it would be. I will read your recent letters again in the next week or so and then write a proper reply to them. (I have some questions about the spectrographic and neutron activation analyses to put to you also, there are a few very grey areas there in my understanding of this evidence!)

I wonder if you have seen on TV anything of the yacht races in San Diego lately? It looks as if New Zealand is about to win the 'Americas Cup', the world's most prestigious prize for yachting. The NZ boat "Black Magic" won its third straight race today.

Well, now I must away.

Much love and best wishes
to you both,

Paul