

Dear Bruce,

10/13/84

After receiving your letter of the 11th this morning I checked the local availabilities, avoiding the most expensive, newer motels. I phoned only the old kind, once known as tourist cabins. One has a weekly rate, the others are all close to each other in price but have only a daily rate because they stay filled up. If you stay exactly five days the weekly rate will save you \$10.00 over the lowest of the daily rates for five days. The differences in distance are negligible, not much more than five minutes between the most distant and closest, with the most distant only about 15 minutes away. It is the one least likely to be filled up if you delay making a reservation because it is inside the city of Frederick while the others, on the main highway, attract travellers on it.

It is the Barbara Fritchey, 662-2444, \$23 nightly, single, \$95 for a week.

Patrick, 694-0110, \$34 nightly.

Masser's, \$28+ nightly. 663-3698.

Dan Dee, \$21 nightly, lowest of the daily rates.

If I did not suggest that you indicate to Dr. Church the archive you'd be using I should have because she'd then have spoken to Dr. McKnight, who would have let me know. As of about a week ago he'd heard nothing. So he made no efforts.

If you remember where the Holiday Inn is, the Barbara Fritchey cabins are less than five minutes to the east of it and on the same street/road (US40W). The Dan Dee is about three miles west of here, on the same road. The others are in between these two.

As of now the only possible interruption I see is my mother's imminent death. As of today my sister believes she cannot last another week and that death may come at any moment. She is 92 and in a coma. When it comes I'll be gone less than two days.

Before I have a chance to forget, Professor Theoharis' primary interest is in correcting Hoover's Warren Commission testimony. You'll understand why when you see the records. He has a general interest in Hoover's notes, but not in all the FBI or Hoover stuff in the Commission file. I'm also interested in farout notes. In particular I am interested in making subject-filing copies of DeLoach/Ford relationship records and of them one in particular in which Hoover called Ford a "Toad."

People like Penn Jones present a serious problem because they are intelligent and well-meaning, principled and serious but also nutty and that such people can be so nutty and unaware that they are is not easy for most people to comprehend. I think that Penn represents the majority, Kurtz the minority. I think you waste your time in paying serious attention to Penn and the others like him. Unless you must make major reference to him and others like him, why not content yourself with citing Gith and Wrons and spend your time instead on the raw materials? Jerry McKnight, who has taught a course for about six years, also might be a quotable source on critics and their criticisms. Wrons, by the way, also made a speech on the irresponsibility of critics at the week of seminars out there, available on tape. And that reminds me, I prepared a speech I was not able to cut or deliver because of illness in 1975, NYU law school meeting, that Jim Lesar read for me. I probably have a copy still.

See you soon. Best wishes,

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October 11, 1984

Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Well I wrote The president of Hood shortly after I received your letter. I am enclosing a copy of the letter since I wrote it on my computer--easy to run off (of course it was written on the official Penn State letterhead). I guess I did goof by not writing Hood sooner. Oh well, if I can't get a room there I am the one who will have to pay for the mistake.

I will call you sometime next week to let you know of my plans and if I need to make reservations, etc.--the time is rapidly approaching. If I hear from Hood I will call you immediately.

I will be happy to red flag any Hoover-FBI stuff I run across in my searches for your friend.

You were pretty accurate about some of the other assassination researchers we discussed last August. I remember you saying Kurtz really didn't know that much and pirated most of his stuff. Well of all the people I wrote (it was Wrone's kind reply to my letter that led me to you), all have answered except Kurtz. I guess it bothers me because he is in my profession and passess himself off as a great scholar--phooey. Penn Jones sent me some prett crazy stuff which I am not too sure how to interpret--but it is fascinating.

Well I will be in touch. Enclosed is another \$10 for the Whitewash account.

Sincerely,



Bruce C. McKinney

October 3, 1984

Martha Church
President
Hood College
Frederick, Maryland

Dear Dr. Church:

I am writing you in the hope you may help me or direct me to the proper people at your institution who may be of help.

My name is Bruce McKinney, and I am a doctoral candidate at the Pennsylvania State University. I have access to an archive of original records about ten minutes from the Hood campus. The analysis of these records is essential to my research for my dissertation. I plan on spending about a week in the Frederick area conducting this research (October 21-26) and need low-cost housing. Does Hood or any college in the area provide accommodations for visiting students doing research? I realize there are several motels in the area, but as a student these prices are fairly steep.

I am sorry to trouble you with this matter, but I know of no one else at Hood I could write with respect to this matter. I would be grateful if you could direct me to anyone who could help me in this situation. In case you want to authenticate my credentials, you may contact my advisor, Dr. Gerald M. Phillips, at (814) 238-2943 or (814) 865-4072. My dissertation advisor is Dr. Dennis S. Gouran who is Head of the Department of Speech Communication at Penn State. His phone number is (814) 865-3461.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. McKinney

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