

Dear Bruce,

3/31/86

Me, too. After successful and virtually painless prostate surgery in January - not a single aspirin or sleeping pill - a new venous thrombosis that kept me in until two weeks ago and I can't stand still even momentarily. So, I'm slowed down a bit more. But I'm back at the daily walkin therapy and hopeful.

With regard to Henry Hurt, a very nice guy, and his schizo book, I did a lot of work for him. I read most of the ms. (he didn't let me or anyone else know about the disgraceful "confession") and wrote him at length about it. He was willing to listen on the first half, but blind and stubborn on the really bad last half. It reflects his political beliefs, not uncommon in the field.

James Madison is in a beautiful area. And the Redskins and their fans are in its debt for a new star, a James Madison graduate who made the team his first year. Oddly, I've forgotten his name and position. He is a young black man who is, I think, a pass receiver but he may be a defensive back. Lives modestly, actually commuting from Harrisonburg last season.

I'll be glad to read the article when you write it.

Hope you make the connection you want and that you are happy there and with your health.

Best,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I just wanted to drop you a line to see how you were doing. I just finished reading Reasonable Doubt which I am sure you have probably read by now. Mr. Hurf certainly thought you were an invaluable part of his project. The book itself was good, and it brought up some points about the assassination I have not read before. However, I had a hard time swallowing his chapter where Easterling confesses to his part in the assassination. I think the book is more valuable as a comprehensive review of all the major points surrounding the assassination.

You must think I disappeared without a word from Philadelphia. I apologize for not writing in such a long time. The past few months have not been the best for me. Last fall I became very ill and had to leave the Philadelphia area for medical treatment in Boston at Massachusetts General Hospital. To make a long story short I am fine now, and am staying temporarily at my folks house in Ipswich, which is about 25 miles north of Boston. I have decided not to return to the Philadelphia area for next year, and I have applied for positions at several other universities. I may end up returning to James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. I used to teach there back in '81-'83, and would not mind returning.

Thank you again for catching the spelling errors in my dissertation, I still don't know how I ever got Blakely out of Blakey or Dealy out of Dealey! My brother lives in Dallas and sent me the enclosed clipping from the Dallas Times Herald last fall. I thought you might like it for your collection.

I am planning on writing a journal article on the basis of my dissertation, and when I do I will send you a copy before I submit it to a journal. I would really appreciate your feedback on the finished article.

It seems like spring is finally here. I am most happy to see it arrive since it has been a very long and dreary winter here. I hope this letter finds you and your wife in the best of health and here's hoping for a pleasant spring and summer.

Sincerely,



Bruce C. McKinney