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Dear Bruce,

Thanks for your willingness to help Eddie Jean. I think his parents plan to drive him down this weekend. I'll tell him what you wrote.

We had a heavy, wet snow this past Monday. He came over and shovelled the while thing out because the snow was too wet for the snow blower to handle. The paved surface is about 400 linear feet. He asked me for only \$10. Good kid! More important is the fact that we were not snowed in. And he did it early in the day. As an indication of his physical strength, it took him only two hours.

I've forgotten what we wrote about a book possibility but what you mention sounds good. For when you are here remember that I have a couple of pages from a vast FBIIR tickler on my desk that has some great stuff in and indicated in it, and I put it this way so that you can base a FOIA request on it and either get more or be in a position to state that the FBI refused to disclose it.

Remember leaks also, and I have a separate file on the first and most important of many. The name of the FBI's game is control and the early leaks not only controlled what the Commission might dare do - the Commission understood it that way. Remember the 1/21 ex. sess. Fold our tents.

You might want to broaden the concept to the later period, when they helped with books to their liking.

They did the same thing in the King assassination and I've some great stuff on that, even copies of James Earl Ray's intercepted letter to the judge about it.

In a blue folder on my desk I've a few records that should be of interest, like getting the WxPost to kill an editorial supporting formation of a commission on the ground it would be hurtful when they knew very well that the deputy AG had made that recommendation to the White House! Hoover didn't want any commission. But his control extended to blocking appointment of a prestigious DJ lawyer who took no crap from the FBI as commission's general counsel.

Remember also that I have a series of 94 files you'll want to go through. That file classification was used, among other things, for the press, leaking, lobbying, etc.

I take it from your letter that you like it there. Great.

Hope you can get up soon.

Best wishes,

I think Eddie's SAT score was 950.



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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your letter which I received today. I wanted to answer you right away regarding your friend Eddie Jean. In response to your question about me being able to help him if he does come here, the answer is YES. I feel that many of my responsibilities go beyond the classroom. One of the greatest things about working in a university environment is the invigorating feeling one gets from working with these young adults.

In fact, I have several contacts with the football team. Several weeks ago, I represented my department during a recruiting banquet and met the head coach, Joe Purzyski (who I feel is a real fine man). I guess I did a good job because since then the football team has sent several possible recruits over to see me about programs in communication. I also know a Ms. Casey Carter who is the liason between all athletic teams and the faculty. I have nothing but praise for these people.

I have had several football players in my classes, and if Eddie came down here I could certainly introduce him to these fine young men. I gather from your letter that his concern was his score on the SAT English. I don't know what the limit is here for students to be accepted, but I do know they make some exceptions. I will contact Ms. Carter to see how he stands and get back to you. Personally, I feel this is an outstanding institution, and would advise Eddie to come here if at all possible. I will get back to you on this. If Eddie would like to talk to me, my office phone number is (703) 568-6581 and I am always there ON M-W-F 9-10. M-W 2-4, and Tues/Th 10-12. My home number is (703) 433-0068.

I think the focus a a book I might write might be on the relationship between Hoover and the Warren Commission. It seems to me he really had some influence on them. If research pans out, I could call it "The Director's Commission." Let me know what you think, I'll be in touch.

Sincerely,

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