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Dear Wallace,

I appreciate the time you took and the information. I now understand more about the behavior. I'd like, if possible, to know more about the accusations. What they were and against whom they were made. While I hope this will all blow over I think it prudent not to assume that it will.

Harry has not yet launched the attack ^{on me} (except in an accusation in a letter and that does not trouble me. What I am concerned about in that area is the preparations he seems to be making and the possibility, if not the probability, that he is being used in that.

I know he's made some against Mary, charges, that, is and against the so-called critics with whom he is feuding- and make no mistake, that has been both ways and may not have begun with him. But I do not know what he really charged. I have some suspicions and I believe there is a basis for them but that is not dependable, suspicions.

There may come a time when it will be good if I have as full and as accurate account of the charges as possible. I do not mean in my own interest.

To the degree possible I have kept out of these controversies. When I could I avoided comment on the books, and most of the time I could.

I have my own opinions about some of those some of you and others, especially in Dallas, hold in high regard, but I do not offer them in part because I do not want these controversies to get worse and in part because I do not want to spend any more of the time reminding to me on things like that than is important.

At the risk of seeming to encourage paranoia, I suggest that some of you question yourselves about some of them and their work like devil's advocates, not by beginning with the belief there is a common interest or because what they say seems attractive.

Harry was there last week. I do not know if he is still there. He took a Baltimore policeman with him. When Bob Johnson phoned me Friday he relayed the greetings from that policeman who I know fairly well. It is not impossible that he took the policeman as a body-guard, too. I can't think of any other need he could have believed that man filled. Or, I am reflecting what I think is the state of his mind.

One thing he did tell me may be true. It is that Groden and others were either showing or destrubuting (or both) a Baltimore police mug shot of him and saying it was when he ~~was~~ was charged with offenses against minors. While I do not think that can have any relationship to the medical panel business, it can be what some of the side fights were about....In any event, I'll appreciate any information I can get about the charges he made and against whom he made them. Many thanks and best wishes,

Harold

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Dear Harold:

I hope perhaps you may remember me from the days of the 1970's when we talked by phone several times and met on one occasion. I have been a JFK researcher since 1974 (seriously), was briefly a consultant to the HSCA and have been doing speeches in colleges and schools in the South on the JFK assassination since 1975. My speciality is the medical evidence.

I am writing to you because I heard via the grapevine that Harrison Livingstone has been giving you some grief. This is very disturbing to me. I have recently had some personal dealings with Mr. Livingstone, and you have long an idol of mine. I want to thank you for the wonderful early work you did, for your ground-breaking lawsuits and research and for the life you have given to this case.

At the same time, I have nothing but contempt for Harrison Livingstone. I had heard of him, read some of his writings, heard the horror stories about what he did and said to David Lifton and Robert Groden, read High Treason 2 and wished I had had those interview opportunities presented to him. Then I met him in Dallas last May, at a medical forum. I was appalled at his manners (or lack of same) and soon convinced that he suffered from paranoia.

When I was put in charge of the medical panel for the ASK convention scheduled for October in Dallas, Livingstone began to ask me to get him placed on a medical panel. He approached Mary Ferrell and Gary Shaw also. We told Livingstone from the first that if he wanted to organize his own medical panel (He had threatened to do so, if he was not included in the scheduled panel.), he would be given unlimited time at the convention. As time went by, he was unable to recruit any panel and continued to badger.

You may have heard of his antics at the ASK convention. Some of that was at my expense. He met me on second day of the convention and noted that I was doing a medical workshop on the next morning. He said he had been denied opportunities to speak and asked if he could have 10 minutes to address medical issues after my initial presentation on the following day. I felt that everyone who had paid had a right to speak, so I told him he could have 10 minutes and that he must stick to the medical issues.

On the following morning, I did an introductory presentation to start the workshop, using slides and video. I then recognized Livingstone for the 10 minutes. He asked if he could use some of my slides in his presentation. He thanked me publicly for giving him the opportunity to speak, praised me for my fairness and then I left the room to get some medication (I had flu during the entire convention) in my hotel room.

And all hell broke loose. Livingstone began a tirade, attacked individuals, refused to yield the floor, pilloried the organizers of the convention, became a raving maniac. Robert Groden entered the room and those two had a confrontation with name-calling. Security persons for the convention failed to act--because I wasn't there as a person in charge to tell them to stop Livingstone.

As I came back down the corridor, Mary Ferrell met me and told me to get down there, Livingstone was going berserk. When I got to the room, it all winding down. I met Livingstone in the hallway and let him know (in a quiet but firm way) what I thought of what he had done to the

meeting and to me. Of course, I am sure it made no impression on him. In short, I goofed. I should never have trusted him. I knew what kind of person he was, but I believed that he did appreciate my fairness in giving him a spot and a chance.

The results were that a workshop was ruined (The second workshop on the afternoon--minus Livingstone--was wonderful..), Livingstone was shown in his true colors, and some even thought I might be in league with him to bring about this tirade and disruption. Nothing was further from the truth.

As you can see, I have worried a lot about what happened at ASK. I should never have allowed it to happen. I apologized to the second workshop. (So great is interest in the medical evidence that many people returned to the second workshop also.) I told them that I came from a part of the country where it was generally understood that one could leave a group of grown-ups in a room without worrying about law-and-order. But, in fact, I should have known the potential of Livingstone. I'm afraid that Bob Groden, the first of the important assassination researchers that I came to know well years ago, didn't behave much better. I was very disappointed in Bob.

So, you see, when I heard that Harrison Livingstone had been on the attack concerning you, I could empathize. Again, let me tell you that I hold you and your work in the highest esteem. Those of us who are out lecturing and writing today know (or sure as hell should know) that we stand on the shoulders of giants.

If there is anything I can do to help you in any manner, please let me know.

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