

Dear Jim,

2/20/81

My wife has come up with an idea that may make it possible for me to get there.

She doesn't drive, but her sister, who is a good driver, also likes to visit Longwood Gardens. So, when we see her sister again, we'll ask if she would like to and if she can get leave for the trip.

I'll let you know.

Sorry to hear about Huddy Erisman. I remember him as a rather fine person.

Reminds me about my wife's joke about my seeing Ed McAuley, as we did at the many chicken festivals we attended. (We were both national champs, etc.) I'd be asking Ed about someone and he'd say, Oh, he died. It seemed that all the people we both knew died wazily. And I hear Ed has. But every time I'd see Ed coming my wife would say now you'll know who died and tragically, it was too true.

Your mentioning that Huddy needs a wheelchair reminds me that I can't stand still at all and should have my legs up as much as possible. I think I'll see if I can find a collapsible wheelchair I can afford I'll bring it along. I can walk about twice the length of a football field now without stopping but that's about it.

Chief Justice Warren's ill-advised and unfortunate comment has been much misunderstood. None of their Reports is withheld but some of the records other agencies provided them are. In many cases it is merely $\frac{1}{2}$ to protect the privacy of the uninvolved. Much more important is the records of these other agencies, particularly the FBI and CIA. I have both in court and I'm gradually getting many but much remains withheld and getting it is a hard fight. However, I don't think there will be any smoking gun because, hard as it is for the average person to believe, the crime itself was never really investigated. Oswald was assumed to be a lone assassin and there was no interest in ~~anything~~ ^{anything} that didn't make this seem to be credible.

I hope it can work out because I'd like very much to be there and, of course, I also want to see my mother.

Best wishes,

Mr. James W. Nichols
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Wilmington, Del. 19809

2/13/81

Dear Jim,

College reunions never tempted me, but I'm really sorry I won't be able to get to our high school 50th!

In September I had a plastic artery inserted in the left thigh. The day I was discharged from the hospital blood clots broke loose, so back I went for surgery to remove them. But alas those that got below the ankle couldn't be reached and they give me a continuing problem. I can't walk more than a couple of blocks at a time, can't drive for more than about 15 minutes, and public transportation is so bad I rarely get up to see my mother, who is still alive, remarkably, and remains emotionally sound.

I would like very much to be able to see you and many of the others again. It might be possible if someone were driving from near here, but I can't be certain of that. I can ride fairly well, but I have to move around periodically. The trip from here to the Washington hospital, about an hour, does tire me but not ~~isn't~~ too much.

Otherwise I'm fairly active, particularly in "Freedom of Information" litigation, where I've had and continue to have national impact and establish legal precedents with fair regularity. My work on the political assassinations remains definitive, after all the years since my first (of seven) books.

Oddly, Delaware, which has a course in assassination, has had no interest in my books or other work. The archive I'm leaving is probably unprecedented. It is now of about 60 file cabinets of once-secret government records.

I appreciate the trouble you went to to learn my address and I thank you for it.

If you hear of anyone from near here who is going and has an empty back seat (I have to keep my legs elevated) please let me know. If I'm up to it I'd like it very much.

My best,

Harold Weisberg

2/17/81

Dear Harold,

Thanks for your prompt reply. It was good to hear from you but I was sorry to hear of your health problems.

You are fortunate to still have your mother.

I cannot understand why the U. of Del. isn't interested in the wealth of material you've assembled.

In today's mail I also got a long letter from Hubby Erisman. He is living in Rehoboth Beach but spends most of his time in a wheel chair because of a paralyzing stroke.

We have checked over our mailing list and don't see anyone else in your area that might be coming to the reunion, but will keep your situation in mind.

I've often wondered why part of the Warren commission's report is sealed for 75 years. It seems absolutely unjustified, and I'm surprised there weren't more persistent efforts to successfully open the whole report.

We hope that somehow you'll be able to combine a visit with your mother with the 50th reunion. If you can get to Wilmington I'll personally see you get transportation to the Hercules C.C. and back.

Best regards,

Jim Nichols

Dear Harold,

It would be good to see you again! Hope you can make this affair!

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
FEBRUARY AND JUNE CLASSES OF 1931

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Sincerely,

Jim Nichols

This is an invitation to you to attend a dinner celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our graduation from Wilmington High School.

Here are the important facts:

Date: Thursday, May 14, 1981
Time: 5:30 p.m. Cocktails and cokes for those caring to indulge. Not included in reunion fee.
6:30 p.m. Sit down Buffet Dinner.
Place: Hercules Country Club
Price: \$12.50 per person. \$25.00 per couple.
Who: Wives, husbands and partners are invited. Indicate his or her name on your reservation.
Dress: Informal
Cut-Off Date: May 1, 1981

Please fill in the form below and send it, along with your check or money order for the proper amount to F. Albert Balfour.

F. Albert Balfour Phone: (302) 994-8138
2524 Emerson Drive
Heritage Park
Wilmington, Delaware 19808

I (will) (will not) attend the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1931.

I enclose check (Payable to F. Albert Balfour) in the amount of

\$ _____

I will have _____
as my guest. Please indicate whether husband, wife, or friend (male or female).

My name _____

My address _____

My telephone _____

Please indicate if you need transportation. Yes _____ No _____