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Dear Harold and Lil:

Hope this letter finds you well. Between Larry being in a wheelchair and you being in the hospital, it has been a long spring and summer.

I do have one health tip for you. Try drinking some bottled water. Many places are using extra chlorine and other chemicals because they are becoming afraid of bacteria and cryptosporidium. Crypto made several hundred thousand sick in Milwaukee a few years ago. In Louisville, my tests with the pool test kit indicate that they are using twice as much chlorine as a few years ago. I know Washington DC is also.

I used to think bottled water was for wimp movie stars, but now I think it is good for you. Easier for older people to digest, not as many chemicals. So try it, it is cheap! Easier on the kidneys and liver.

Hope you all got to go to Baltimore for the game. Looked like it was a good one. Since Marge got the boot, they have been promoting more in Cincy and attendance is up 20%. The new management does not insult women, Jews, blacks, Hispanics or any other group! I don't think Marge is a bad person, just ignorant. When she gets drinking, she falls into the old trap of thinking reporters are her buddies, and lets loose with what she really thinks. But as Hitler showed, that type of thinking can be as dangerous as outright racism.

I printed up a few copies of Waketh the Watchman. I sent one to Ginocchio. Does Dave Wrone have one? I think it is a good romp through JFK's foreign policy problems. I guess I did not know that the Joint Chiefs disobeyed so many direct orders. You make a strong case.

Betsy is working on medical records for the state prison system. It is a mess. She is also teaching at a small college. She says to say HI! So does Ruder, the German Shepherd with the bad handwriting. You know, the German Shepherd motto is "Do right and fear no one." Sounds like a motto for the Weisbergs!

I gave a copy of Whitewash II to a lawyer buddy I always call the "Socialist" because he is one. He was active in the Sanctuary movement with the Central American refugees during the Reagan years. He believes they were the victim of FBI harassment, the church where they had their office was broken into, nothing was taken, and the membership list was taken out of the cabinet and placed out on a desk. Like they wanted you to know they had seen it. He is the only friend I have that probably believes the FBI acts like that. When he got his FOIA request to look at his FBI file, the thing they most were interested in was his organizing the Free University! Like that is subversive.

Morris Dees spoke at the KY Bar convention last month. I asked him if he had an opinion on the ML King murder. He said no, but that he had always wanted to interview James Earl Ray. He is like many in a way, he feels that Ray's flight to England might have been evidence of conspiracy. Sort of like Jack Ruby, wrong conclusions. But at least he has an open mind.

Next letter, I'll send you some stuff where they are selling MLKING: The Assassination by H. Weisberg for \$3.98. I'll send you the page out of the remainder catalog.

Dees had a bodyguard. I think Oklahoma City has made everyone aware of security.

I don't have much else to say, except I still hope to get up there in a couple months. Betsy wants to come, she knows you are in fragile health. Maybe we can make it.

I think I told you, Harry Merritt, biographer of John Sherman Cooper, has taken a job with the Baltimore Sun as arts editor. In my opinion, we are not going to see the biography for several more years. Since he left Lexington, I have not heard from him. He seems to be a nice guy, has interviewed several people, but like most writers, does not have time to write.

As I have grown a little older, I have come to respect greatly the amount of work you have been able to produce over the years, and its quality. I do not see how you have done it. And how you and Lil have put up with all the researchers over the years. Like me!

Well, try the bottled water and see if it makes you feel a little better. I think it will work. If not, mix in some Scotch.

I know you have a few more good years ahead of you. Keep active, and try to stay out of the hospital. Think Positive! It works.

Love,

Bill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written in dark ink.