

Dear Bill,

11/24/96

In your 11/20 you ask if Gerry has the full disk of Case Open. He does.

You also wonder what her Merritt will ever do his Cooper book. I had a similar experience with Jane Harris and got very little on Cooper in on the show that I think, by and large, went well. When her producer whose name is Steve phoned me I suggested the Cooper part of the Russell Cooper angle. He spoke to her, she liked it and on the show never got back to the Cooper part. In part this may have been because she wondered if I'd been accurate in telling her that I had just a few lines of the oral history highlighted to read. It was the truth. It does not require more than a few lines to get the important part out. And then there is a letter or two, again with only brief mention required to make the point.

Maybe it would be a good idea if Steve got the idea you could do a good show on Cooper and his part in it.

I got the impression that Harris turned on, genuinely, going back to the disillusionment of her girlhood. I hope that if you were not able to take the show in you did have it taped and could carry on from it. When I recalled the reaction when I was speaking at colleges and said that the assassination was on the level of the Viet Nam war in destroying government credibility and then said little could do as more to lead people to have faith in their government again as much as confessing it had been wrong in the JFK assassination, I felt that Harris felt that, too, and said something like she agreed.

That new fighter contract...Needed like extra holes in heads!

Marina was a disappointment on the Winfrey show. She'd been taken over by the LaFontaines and misused to promote the sale of their bad book. I can't make up my mind whether to write her about it or not. She doesn't listen. I warned her repeatedly that she was being used. As she is with each such interview.

Your reference to remodeling the schools—oh, my, what the situation is in DC! Judges have closed some of the schools as unsafe! and nationally, according to the past week's news, our students are 28th in such things as math, with Singapore first in it, Korea second, Japan third. We are now behind in every subject, far behind. An ignored disgrace.

The economy seems to be doing well, but too many individuals are not. That is where something really needs to be done. It would help in all areas, particularly in reducing crime.

Good piece for the UK paper. Hope you got a good reaction to it.

And now I'm going out in the hope our Sunday paper is there. Thanks and best to you all,

Harold