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Dear Harold and Lil:

Sent you back yesterday the text you needed. If I have more tell me at once and I shall look at it. I am being buried in paperwork. I also sent Wrone and Ginocchio the Newman criticism.

Godd letter to Carl Rowan. I think that article was from the Courier, not Corbin! I have thought of sending Rowan that FBI memo where LBJ states he suspected the CIA. He used to work for LBJ as you know.

The local columnist Riley I wrote never acknowledged me. When I try to help people and also compliment them, a card would be nice. That is why I like Jane Norris. Would you be interested in being on her show and discuss James Earl Ray? I can write her a letter. Her show has been a little lame lately.

Sorry I have been slow to write. I have been busy and disorganized. Had to appeal a case, which is FUBAR- F***** Up Beyond All Recognition. Probably lose. A mess.

Had a little touch of mortality last week. I yanked a king size mattress off the bed and strained my back. Back spasms. Had a very slow week last week, but I am cured now. Very painful. Have been cured by our new Serta Perfect Sleeper. I endorse them.

Have not had time to print out the latest computer disks. I will send you a tape of the Joint Chiefs and the Primetime on Ray.

Dad had his 75th birthday last week. Hope Lil got her birthday card on time. Who knows with the post office

HAD the B1, the B2 and the Stealth F117 in town last week for the airshow. Did not see them, too cloudy. Last year we were strafed by the B1. About 500 feet over the trees. Unsafe but neat. I did hear but not see the B29. Saw it over Indy 500 also a few years ago, Chuck Yeager flying P51 at its side. The only B29 left that flies. Saw it in 1995, 50th year of WWII.

Continue to be amazed at how much the military costs.

Have not spoken to or written Harry Merritt, erstwhile John Sherman Cooper biographer who moved from Lexington to be with the Baltimore Sun. Neither has Bill Cooper, UK archivist. I will try to go to UK this spring to see Bill and paw through Cooper archives.

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There seem to be as many charlatans on the King murder as there are on the JFK one. Note that I send you an article by Garrow.

I seem to be overwhelmed by unprofitable work and underwhelmed by free time. But I am so thankful to have recovered from my back injury that that at least cheers me up.

Just got back from lunch for the birthday of my 88 year old aunt and also with my 93 year old grandmother.

This gives me hope for longevity. My goal is to be around when they finally release the rest of the JFK papers. I might be the only one around to know what to look for then!

With my brother still on a cane, I have another problem. My best friend Roger has had an outbreak of what appears to be rheumatoid arthritis, for which I have just invented a new spelling. He is a rough, tough guy. We have torn a canoe in half, he has been hit by a barracuda when I got the bright idea in Florida to land one real quick (it jumped in the boat), and he has climbed Mt. K Whitney among others. Now he can barely walk.

Things like this make me want to take a vacation! But they also have led me to think about what the future holds. I guess we all hope to live to 100 in perfect health, but it just may not happen.

Although I seem to be a jocular guy, I am really sort of a serious sort. And I gotta tell you, as the years go by, I continue to be amazed at what you and Lil have accomplished. And with very little money. I find it hard to believe that Lil put up with you all these years. Seriously, most women if told that you were going to write books for a living that by their nature are difficult to sell, would have been mad. I guess you had convinced Lil you already were eccentric, so maybe she was not surprised. Don't get me wrong, XX I mean eccentric in a nice way!

We have printed out some of the Prouty book you sent me a disk of, and it is fascinating.

You know, you have put me in the position that I almost have to write a book. You have sent me so much research material. I only have a title.

"The Truth About the JFK Assassination, as plagiarized from Harold Weisberg."

Last night I saw a 30 minute British documentary on the JFK murder. Never seen it before, too late to copy. It is part of a famous murder series, on Al Capone, Bonnie and Clyde, etc. Sort of accurate. Tried to be fair to all theories. Did say the Warren Report was almost totally discredited. Probably about 10 years old.

Gotta go. Pretty day. We all gear up for the Derby. I must keep my record intact of not having the winner for the last 20 years. Takes a lot of research to lose money scientifically. Bill