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Dear Harold:

I have been away on business and came home to find four of your letters and a manuscript. I will address elements of each letter in this letter rather than reply to each letter separately which I would ordinarily prefer to do.

(4/27/98 letter) The card I sent to you about dreaming was a card that I actively sought in a card shop to address your life and work. I have quite a bit of respect for your efforts to explore and potentially cause achieve a reckoning of our lost history. I wanted something of an inspirational card to arrive on or about your joint anniversaries. I am glad you received it and received it in good health.

With regard to Dr. Wrone's speed in typing Posner, if he should get too slow, I'll volunteer to help in the effort. Just have him contact me at my address or at (H) 208-522-3137 or (W) 208-526-5190 and we can work out the details.

I will send McKnight a copy of any manuscript he wishes a copy through the mail since the Internet E-Mail connection seems to have failed to be realized. I will contact Bill Neichter regarding *Waketh the Watchman* since I have not received word from him as of today.

With regard to missing contents of folders and missing files all together, it does not surprise me. But I am surprised that they would invest the time to come visit you and then steal files when they could just go to the Archives or the reading rooms and acquire copies at a nominal fee.

(4/29/98 letter) I am quite pleased to know some of the history behind the man I admire for his works, you. I hope somebody is doing an oral history project on your life. With regard to your interest in the JFK assassination investigation, you said your "initial interest in the JFK assassination came from the total failure of the media to treat it as it should have and then the Warren Report, which could not be believed." What was it about the media and the Warren Report that served as the initiating spark for your curiosity? I know that you have learned and forgotten more than anybody in the world on the subject, but what was the memorable initiating event that triggered your life long interest? An event? A particular statement in the media or Warren Report? As I recall the media was the lap dog of government then, so something must have served to pique and hold your interest. By the way, your approximately \$150.00 investment in the Warren Report Appendices is now going for ten to twenty times that cost if you can locate a complete set of volumes.

You have satisfied my curiosity with regard to your sources of books and magazine and newspaper articles. Would you happen to have easy access to your clippings for the Hersh book? I am looking for the by line author and title for the *News Day* November 11, 1997 (featuring a Hersh interview), The Title for the Liz Smith January 8, 1997 *News Day* article? I am down to only nine references to track down for the Hersh bibliography.

With regard to standardized news, I grow in concern for huge conglomerates spreading their tentacles in to diverse media and media markets. Soon news will be pre-digested to the degree that makes USA Today look like a college text book on quantum mechanics. I believe our only salvation will be personal communication via the Internet. The Internet, while presently

operating like a Wild West frontier of knowledge, I believe will settle down and act as an independent mode of communication that is uncontrollable by any single government. With a little maturity, It will soon rival major publishing houses and news outlets.

I am rather surprised that the question: "what sustain you over these many years?" has never been asked of you. Clearly, you and Lil have made many sacrifices to further your work. I hardly would call you old-fashioned for your statement of personal courage throughout the years.

If you are inclined, please tell me more about your self and the many rogues you have encountered in your pursuit of rectifying our history. I know a little about Donahue, Brown, and Davis. Are there more anecdotes that you have to share?

(5/4/98 letters) I have printed the *Phony Scholars* manuscript on both sides, taking your lead in conserving paper and weight in shipping it back to you tomorrow. I like your portrait made by your two Ohio school teachers. I often get asked what you look like and how I came to know you. The picture will help to convey an image of you to people with whom I speak.

What year was your car accident? Your reference was too general to give me a clue. I was also broadsided (March 1988?) And received two broken ankles, wrist and ribs. I seemed to have fared much better than you did.

I have incorporated the corrections you cited into the Hersh manuscript and will forward them on request or after you send it back with any other comments you wish corrected. Hopefully, I will have completed the research on the remaining bibliographic references by then.

The Internet stuff is of no great importance. The issue I wanted to bring to your attention was the desire to form a South African-style Truth Commission for the JFK and MLK investigations. Interesting concept that I won't hold my breath until its realized.

With regard to scouting an agent for you, what are your parameters?

I shall be including diskette copies of any manuscript that you need but the text of your letter is unclear as to which manuscript you refer. I will send one diskette (appropriately labeled) for the Menninger and Hersh manuscripts with the package I will be returning with the Brown manuscript.

I am still working on the *Whitewash* manuscript and have nearly completed it. I will arrange for it to be double columned and single-sided and ten point print to ensure its size is not too unwieldy and camera ready. If that is acceptable, just let me know.

The Twyman Internet home page materials that I must have sent you have an open challenge to any and all to contradict his books contents. If you have some preliminary notes, I would be willing to post them on the Internet on your behalf to see how the critic community handles Harold Weisberg-on-the-Net!

With regard to Fact v Fiction, I believe in one of your earlier communications or on the telephone, you lead me to believe that you had a lot of material that you possessed but chose not to include in your manuscript. If it readily available, I was prepared to retype it in a Fact v Fiction table for inclusion in your manuscript. If it is not readily available, si be it.

With regard to the Posner harpooning on which you are working, have you considered publishing it as a manuscript (or any of your manuscripts) through JFK Lancer Resource Mail Order (332 NE 5th Street, Grand Prairie, TX 75050 (972-264-2007)? They distribute and in some cases publish manuscripts to the assassination critics community. They are a good bet for a "black book publishing house." I don't doubt the assassination critics community would just love some more of your manuscripts to read and over which salivate.

I hope this package arrives sooner than later for you.

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