

Dear Harold:

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I got your letter yesterday. Thanks for the clippings. The Liz Smith 12/23/97 article Massive Conspiracy Theory is listed as a S.F. Chronicle article. I will have to go back through the *Hersh-It* manuscript to clarify the reference. I don't recall a reference to a S.F. Chronicle, only *Newday* or *L.A. Times*. I will search the manuscript to see if my memory has failed me or not.

Regarding the informal request to write a newspaper article and the interest of the FBI, thanks for the insight. I still have time to reconsider my off-hand rejection and will take up your offer to review the article for accuracy. I would not want to muddy the waters with inaccuracies nor speculations.

My father-in-law is visiting us this week so this will be a short note. I will be going to Boise, Idaho this Sunday through Thursday by car to take a Federal Emergency Management Agency Professional Development Series (PDS) course: Introduction to Emergency Management that I should have completed many years ago. It will be the last in the PDS which should have been my first except that it was always offered at inconvenient times for me. Finishing that course will permit me to complete the six-course series and get me a nifty little certificate that says I did all that work. Whoopie!!!

I spoke with Professor Wrone on the telephone this week and he indicated that he would send copies of your Posner/King manuscript for typing while he initiates work on the group of pages that are in transit from you for typing. We had an interesting conversation and he indicated that he worried about your failing health. Apparently, he had been by to see you in the last few days before we spoke. I hope this note reaches you and Lil'in better health than he reports.

Your note indicated that Evica and Drago had written/submitted an article alleging you were a government agent. Was it ever published? Where? Your documented history is so contrary to such a hypothesis that they must have been on drugs when they came up with that idea.

Regarding the Conspiracy Museum, you are right in your description that it is a nuthouse. I had a chance to go by it when I visited Dallas with my son last summer. My son and I were amused by the KAL 007 display. Educated on the Lincoln assassinations display. Amused by the JFK and RFK displays that, as I recall, were rather simplistic. The part of the "Museum" that

intrigued me was there bookstore/archive of books and memorabilia.

I recognize your stated desire to sell books only to the scholarly and serious individuals. However, your books are oases of sanity in the JFK/MLK assassination literature desert of fantasy and conjecture. I have spoken to numerous librarians and coworkers who have a genuine interest in the topic and have read so much garbage. They, almost unanimously, reject the Warren Commission's hoax and are amused by "scavenger scatological treatises" on the JFK assassination inquiry. I hope you or your estate will consider a wider distribution of your books at some point in the future. The disease of ignorance proliferates on the media of decaying/rotting innuendo, half-truths and out right lies. The only protection is the antibiotics of unadulterated facts and the sanitary practices of honest scholarship and open and universal communication of truth. Call me idealistic or even a fringe lunatic, but it is the fringe that defines the boundaries of our society and our intellectual expansion.

Regarding the enclosures: I was hoping that you would comment about the call for an American Truth Commission regarding the JFK and MLK assassination conspiracies. No comment or no time or no desire to comment?

The mail came as I was typing this. Professor Wrone has sent me a FedEx package of the Posner/King manuscript. It is time to get back to work again. This will mean that the Whitewash index proofing (in the retyped format) will have to wait.

To your and Lil's well being,

Clay Ogilvie



P.S. I think I have made computer contact with Professor McKnight via the Internet. I will know when I get back from Boise, ID later next week.