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Dear Clay,

The package I have long awaited has not come and if you wrote me about using the title as a subtitle, that also never got here. I was told only that you had changed the title to Badly Reasoned. With the subtitle, fine. You may remember I've done a bit of that and that when C & G omitted the ~~same~~ subtitle of SEVERE AGAIN! Sales were terrible but Case <sup>Open</sup> ~~same~~ sold out. The NA title alone meant nothing to the browser. The subtitle on Badly Reasoned does identify the content as without it the title does not. Which was my point.

I never got what you refer to as the Care package. If you ever have occasion to do more of that, those that were not printed are part of a long series of critiques of both extremes under the general title Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. The first of that Dennis has and is too busy to clean up. There is also a lengthy Mailer ms. with some corrections made and some not made. It is big but I think you'll enjoy it. I showed it to Gerry yesterday because I require hospitalization as soon as possible for renal failure and access for Dialysis. I'd expected to be in Hopkins by now but there is at the least some confusion about this. If I do not get work this afternoon it will be another week before I can expect to have this specialist. He examined on Mondays and operations on Fridays.

It turns out that Lil has blood clots in both legs. She is back in the Frederixk Hospital, Room B 439. I do not know how long she'll be there. I was about to go where she was for the noon hour, believing there would be no call then when I heard of this development. I did not go because I dared not leave the phone. *no word by 3p*

What you say about yourself, what you have done and meant, is not a bit exaggerated but what triggered it would not have been there to trigger if you had informed me or, if you did, it got here. You are and have been <sup>that</sup> important, that valuable, and extending this to hard disks is another great contribution. They endire.

One of the symptoms of <sup>what can turn</sup> into Neural poisoning is that the head is less clear and mine if getting too much that way. But I've begin <sup>y</sup> with McKnight the transfer of the books to the Hood <sup>bookstore</sup> library. While this was part of our agreement years ago it still requires new agreement on when to put them <sup>ny</sup>. So Gerry is to take a few at a time. When he gets the new authorization, of the bookstore does, he'll be moving them all. When that happens he knows of a box of the original printing of WW and if I forget to tell him, please tell him that I want you to have one. They are lost to me in the basement but he has seen them.

I did not get the ARRB final report but I've sent you a manuscript on it written without that final report. Wish I had it to read and annotate now.

Russo's book is so ignorant, so stupid, so arrogant and self important when he is a subject-matter ignoramus it turned my stomach and I laid it aside

We have had more problems than you can imagine. I hope that we'll be able to remain here and not have to go to a nursing home. Preparing for that involved some unusual problems. Lil has a hiatal hernia and <sup>in that</sup> the bed was five inches higher at the headboard. But with the clotting in my legs I could not sleep thatway. I had to keeo my legs elevated. So, I slept on the sofa. <sup>y</sup> But with Lil having two patches in her left thigh I do not want her getting out of bed unattended. If somep- thing happened to her I would not hear whatever she did to get my attention. So, a fine neighbor took the bed apart and we are ~~not~~ giving it to a charity. We ~~will~~ have a hospital bed for Lil and she 'll then be able to tap me to awaken me. I'll be on a twin bed if there is room for it or on a cot.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Our relationship has come to ~~mean~~ much to both of us personally and what you have done has become imp<sup>r</sup>tant more than I'd believed would be possible. Can't exaggerate the value, but please do, when you can, check with me about changes so we can agree on them. There can be in some what is not within your expeience but is within mine, some times at least.

Just heard from Lil. The doctors hope that in about a week the clots will be gone or under control and that she'll be back in the p.t. program. She said she hopes ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ she is out before you and your wife are here. We do look for ward to that. Thanks and best,

*David*

If you can replace, manuscript first, please.