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Dear Harold,

I want to take the time to thank you for having us over last Friday. I really appreciate your hospitality and openness and it was good to see that you're still getting around well. And what can you say about Maryland crab other than it's about the finest eating one could desire? I can't tell you how many times I've thought about writing you and never gotten around to doing it. As you can see, I've finally done it. I do most of my correspondence by E-Mail, so crafting a letter for Uncle Sam to deliver is a somewhat unusual experience for me.

Alex and Chad were very excited about coming along to see you and were very proud that you took the time to sign their books. All of us enjoyed watching the video tape we made of you signing books and talking with the boys. My wife Georgia remarked on how easily you got along with young children. It will be a while before Alex can read and understand his book but he's got it displayed proudly on his bookshelf. Chad was reading his copy almost as soon as we were in the van. All three boys enjoyed walking the Monocacy battlefield and Alex really liked the electronic battlefield map at the mill. Frankly, that map is better than the electric battlefield display we saw at Gettysburg. Both boys are eager to come back and see you again next year. So . . . if you don't mind seeing us again next spring I'd like you to think about keeping a day or so open for us.

As I write this I'm sitting in my summer school classroom while students are working on an assignment about the great European explorers. I've got my laptop computer fired up which is a lot easier for me to use than a typewriter. I've gotten so used to being able to immediately correct my mistakes that I almost can't use a typewriter any more.

I finished *Never Again!* last night. It is amazing to me what you can write off the top of your head. *Never Again!* stirs a deep anger, frustration, and sense of betrayal within me. I have always found it hard to see why it isn't **obvious** to people --all people-- that the Warren Commission Report is nothing but fiction. How people can even read the Commission's own transcripts and not see what is in plain English in plain sight simply astounds me. Dave Keck argues with me that the "single bullet theory" and Oswald's incredible shooting performance only had to happen once. Common sense is not an infallible guide, but even common sense draws limits. Even once is too much (that would make a great title for a book, wouldn't it?) in this case. Both Oswald's performance and the single-bullet theory are impossible. And all the Commission's documents point to that fact as you eloquently suggest. Even though I know that Hoover boxed the Commission in, it's still hard to accept their great fear of the FBI (though your story of how the FBI simply *made up* lies about you is very sobering) and the Commission's willingness to mislead the public. As Earl Warren is one of my heroes (in spite of his performance on the Report and his record as governor of California during WWII) and *should have been* a defender of justice *under law*, it makes it even harder for me to accept. I ask my students to ask themselves how the **least plausible** explanation is the one that is accepted in almost every instance of that ill-fated document. There is no good answer, only tragic answers.

If you don't mind and you have the time to answer, there are three sources of information I hope you can provide.

- 1) I am interested in obtaining a copy of the secret HSCA March 11, 1978 testimony by Dr. John

Ebersole. Do I have enough information in *Never Again!* to request a copy from the National Archives? What document do I ask for?

2) I am also interested in a copy of Chip Selby's taped interview of Dr. Joseph Dolce. Is this something I could or should request from Selby? If so, do you have his present address or telephone number so I can call or write him and see if this is possible?

3) Last, but not least, I found your description of Dallas Police Officer Douglas Jackson's testament intriguing. I would like to know how I could obtain a copy the statement that Henry Wade typed for you.

I have included a number of self-addressed and stamped envelopes for this and future correspondence I may have with you so that you don't have to pay for it. After all, you are doing me a favor and I should make it as easy as I can. If any money is needed please let me know and I'll be only too happy to send it to you.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give me.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

PS TELL YOUR LOVELY WIFE WE SAID HELLO. I ALSO TOOK THE LIBERTY OF MAKING UP SOME RETURN ADDRESS LABELS FOR YOU. IF YOU FIND THEM USEFUL AND WANT MORE, LET ME KNOW, I'LL BE HAPPY TO RUN OFF MORE.

Dear Tom,

6/26/95

We appreciate your letter and the thoughtful enclosures that I regret in the conditions of my life now may well be impractical. We are particularly pleased that the boys are interested in history at their ages. I think that is a good sign. I remember ~~still~~ still after all these many years the first serious book I was given as a child. It was a biography of Lincoln. And when I was about eight and it then was safe for a child to walk alone in a big city, Philadelphia and I was allowed to ^{go} to the library myself, the first book I took out was The Swamp Fox, and the subject, "mad" Anthony Wayne. If and when the boys can come back I'll be glad to see them. And they'll still be welcome to all the quartz rocks they can find. No shortage.

It is easy to understand that Dave can hope the s.b.t. had to happen only once and why but the grim fact is that it was impossible. Heard from a law professor today from where Russell's papers are filed. He has written several articles on Russell's firm disagreement with that. And Cooper's. Facing the reality is particularly difficult for those of us who believe Russ Warren was a fine chief justice.

One of Jerry McKnight's students has done a fine honors paper on how the FBI controlled the Commission.

I think that common sense is infallible when all the evidence is of the absolute impossibility of the s.b.t. Together with the dishonesty to make it even a question to be faced.

On getting what you'd like, the best and cheapest for you and possibly a valuable learning experience for students is to get what it has from the Kennedy archive at the National Archives at College Park. It is on the U. Md. campus. All are entitled under the 1992 law to the first 100 pages of copies free. So why not organize a series of requests for your next class? You can get the BSCA medical-panel transcript yourself before then. Use the identifiers in JIA! because I have no others and they did identify it.

Salby gave me the right for that one use. He is at 13301 Overbrook Lane, Bowie, MD 20715.

I'll enclose a copy of Jackson's statement. It was not retyped by Wade. Wade asked him for it and then had his secretary retype it for me.

Thanks and best wishes to you all,

Harold