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Dear Les,

In between some letters you ignored you phoned to express surprise that I had written about the JFK assassination. You then said that you and Vi had to find some time to come down. Now would be a good time because I have a book due to be in the stores in about a month and it has in it what by what were once traditional news standards what would have been important news and I think is.

Although to the best of my knowledge this publisher has not made any effort with my Case Open (Despite which it has gotten me the most flattering mail I've ever gotten and much of it) and I have no reason to believe they will with ~~W~~ NEVER AGAIN! I cannot jump the release but I can in confidence show proofs. They butchered Case Open and the *new* proofs hold many corrections of errors of various kinds introduced by what was referred to as "editing," But they did agree to restore the subtitle on the title page after making a ~~new~~ cover that eliminates it. It is The Government Conspiracy in the JFK assassination. I do have it documented.

There was heavy cutting again and some rewriting to understate much to much but it remains, I believe, a powerful book. My present hope is that they delay the book a little to clean up ~~what~~ ^{the} mess they made. My last information is that after sitting on it since I finished it in 1992 they are now rushing it. I have had such experiences with them that I have not offered them the sequel, Waketh the Watchman: ~~Our~~ strangelovian Military and the JFK Assassination.

I have other work on paper, unedited. One is a large book, Inside the JFK Assassination Industry. I wrote a lengthy article, Senator Russell Dissents I'm enlarging into a book. I had a relationship with the former Warren Commissioner and I now have confirmation from his archive that he had a high opinion of my first four books and that his administrative assistant told him that I agree with him in his rigid disagreement with the single-bullet theory that is essential to the Report. I have confirmation from ~~the~~ ^{his} Archive of Senator John Sherman Cooper's firm agreement with Russell.

They were coned into what they were led to believe was a compromise that ~~embed~~ ^{embroid} their views and didn't. When I put in Russell's hands the proof of how their disagreements were memory-holed he never spoke to LBJ again.

But I suppose this work will remain, along with much else, only a record for history in collegiate archives. I have no agent, can't travel, and the media has its hangups. As was reflected by your Jack Sirica's flackery ^{poanery} for the most dishonest book ever written on the subject. And your book reviewers refusal to even mention the book that proved it, my Case Open.

I have an unusual distinction awarded to me by the Department of Justice in one

of the dozen or so FOIA lawsuits I filed by which I got about a third of a million pages. It was the first of many times I accused the FBI of perjury under oath myself. Its defense of the FBI was that I could undoubtedly make such allegations ad infinitum since I knew more about the assassination and its investigations than anyone working for the FBI!

Some defense against a perjury charge!

But the court accepted that as ~~it~~^{all} accepted all my later proofs of endless FBI perjury.

Naturally neither this kudos nor those unrefuted charges was newsworthy.

This is not that unusual when fact relating to what was a coup d'etat also is not and has not been newsworthy.

And so we are in the Gingler era of that contract on America. It is an era in which to the best of my knowledge no element of the media has seen fit to look into his divorce of his wife while she was fighting cancer and leaving her to support and raise their two girls. My understanding is that he was not working while she helped him through graduate school and that as soon as he was graduated he ditched her for a wife ~~next~~ who could be of more help to him.

As my mind wanders I am reminded of a long letter I wrote you in which I said that we were reduced to voting for lesser evils since JFK was assassinated. Can you look back now and tell me I was wrong?

I've just gotten a card from an Italian graduate student in sociology. It is not an inexpensive one, it ~~is~~^{has} on one side a photograph attached to the card. The picture is of the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. His card quotes JFK's speech of a week before he was assassinated:

"Marshal Lyuátey, the great French Marshal, went out to his gardener and asked him to plant a tree. The gardener said, 'Why plant it? It ~~will~~ won't flower for 100 years.' In that case, the President said, 'Plant it this afternoon.' That is what we have to do."

If we are to end the growing authoritarianism I fear it will be despite rather than with the help of the media. If it does happen I wonder if it can other than as Jefferson said, by watering the tree of freedom ~~with~~^{with} tyrants' blood.

An entire book was butchered out of Case Open. Included in what was gutted is a photo agency picture never used that validates Oswald's explanation of the package the government said held that rifle. The official scientific proof also gutted out is that it did not and could not have, but like so much else, that was merely ignored. The picture I have is of curtains being ~~placed~~^{put up} in his room! The agency dates it as the day of the assassination. Other pictures on that roll of 36 that I ~~have~~^{had} are of that day and were widely used. Not that one, though.

While the publisher was sitting on NEVER AGAIN! I wrote a lengthy epilogue and a longer Afterword. Fewer liberties were taken with them. They establish the delib-
berateness of the official lying about the JFK assassination by all official investi-
gations - with what the House assassins committee had and suppressed. And that evidence
is first-person and under oath.

Making all that has happened since then possible.

But what the hell, it was only a President, one who had opted for peace in the
world and efforts to help ordinary people, so how could that be news? Or anything
like what I refer to above?

In a month and a week, I hope, I'll be 82. Of the six operations I've had since
we last saw each other I was not expected to survive two. The last of them ~~was~~ five
years ago. The chief of cardiovascular surgery and of the division of transplantation
at Johns Hopkins who sees me twice a year has just written me about my survival despite
the odds, "You should know that I think the medical profession is bewildered by your
remarkable ~~spirit~~ spirit." It has been 18 years since it was safe for me to drive out of
Frederick so when I did not have time to arrange for other transportation to Baltimore
when he asked me to be at a clinic he was holding I could not get there. But despite the
fact that I cannot use stairs, am so weak I can walk only up to five minutes at a
time and then very slowly, as Frost said, we "have ~~times to go before we sleep~~
promises to keep in the miles we go before we sleep." I have been under a medical
injunction against lifting more than 15 pounds since 1989. But in the past three years or
so I've gotten about a million words on paper about our coup d'etat, all of it from the
official records of from what was omitted from what the official witnesses said.

Aside from the simply wonderful outpouring from more than 20,000 who have written
me, despite virtually total suppression by the media, and innumerable phone calls, Lil
and I were awarded honorary doctorates in humane letters by local Hood College in its
centennial celebration of two years ago. So we know that despite the disinterest of
the media there is some appreciation of our efforts. And when sometimes I have to help
her out of a chair, despite the medical prohibition against it, we continue to try.

As I do herein.

Best to you all,

Harold