Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701 12/18/73

Dear Orest,

It is both a pleasant surprise and a coincidence hearing from you. I hope everything is as well as your note suggests.

I still get up early-about the time you used to go to bed. I use an electric razor and while I shave I make my own kind of Espresso coffee, my own way, and listen to the news on the radio, generally from stations far away. (WWL comes in good here when it is dark but they broadcast only strange and commercial religion.) From Chicago and New York I heard that Connick seemed to have won the run-off and I got to thinking, including about you. I intended to write but got busy with work and the problems of a bad storm andi it slipped my mind.

If I do not know where you may have travelled as a seaman, I am sure that where you were born and where you live you never saw anything like we have just had. The anow was two feet deep in our lane until a short while ago when someone for whom my wife has done favors came with a machine for blowing snow attached to his tractor and made it so we can now drive in and out -unless and until we have such a storm again. One now seems likely in several days!

It is good that you have leased your places of business. You had worked hard long enough and it is right that you should now engoy yourself. You had much to which to look forward when I was last there. I remember your concern over the accident. You should now enjoy it.

Whenever you want to go over anything in the Warren Commission testimony, if you do not want to make stay in the library to do it, they will make xeroxes for you for a small charge. Except for the first and last pages you will get two pages on one sheet. If you do this, you can always have it at home. I would offer to make such copies, but the machine I have is very allow and costs considerably more per copy that the charges in libraries.

Writing your own book is a good idea. I'm sorry I can t read <sup>5</sup>panish. I wish you well with it. You have copies of all the reports I have been able to find that refer to you. If you want anything else I have, let me know.

Remember, if you want to communicate with me, you can always use the cassette recorder you got so you could.

You may also want to go over Evvie's and "uperto's testimony. If you do, I think you should satisfy yourself that the FBI agont who acted as translator did not take any liberties with what they testified to.

I hope you have a fine holiday and that the coming year and years are kind to you and your family. Thanks for remembering me.

Sincerely,

## To wish you a Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year

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nullans, Fa. December 15, 1973 Vear Mr. Harold. My best Wishes for your and your family on this Holiday Season, I'm now retired from my buisness, I haved all of them. I'm gittering a recalection of all The facts and The memory I my knolige of the assimation The President Kinnedy, after I get all these facts together gill start writing a book in spanish. g'un besen To And Orlean lebrary and read all my testemony, from the Warren Compasion. I hope one day I can show the american people The truth of this case. Truly yours drest Pina 310 18th St. New Anleans. La. 7012;