

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. (WVW 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 and 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 snow 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 enjoy 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 ~~stay~~ 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 slow and costs considerably more per copy than the charges in libraries.

Writing your own book is a good idea. I'm sorry I can't read Spanish. 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 agent 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

Fr. Arist. Pina, S.Fly

New Orleans, La.
December 15, 1973

Dear Mr. Harold,

My best wishes for you
and your family on this Holiday
Season.

I'm now retired from my
places of business, I heard all
of them.

I'm getting a recollection of
all the facts and the memory
of my knowledge of the assassination of
the President Kennedy, After I get
all these facts together I'll start
writing a book in Spanish.

I've been to New Orleans
library and read all my testimony
from the Warren Commission.

I hope one day I can show
the American people the truth of
this case.

Truely Yours
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