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Dear Chip,

First I was worried because I know a little about your area, have spent a week there on two different occasions and I knew you were where it was hurt badly. Then Gary Mack told me he'd been trying to reach you, without success, and that he'd been told you were no longer with Unsolved. So I worried more, wondering how you are making out with the larger and more expensive apartment. So, we are sorry it was as damaging to you as it is and happy that it was not worse.

Glad to have a better understanding of Scobey's position. I knew she was on the Commission staff and that she worked for Russell, but that Rankin did that is new. And I do wonder if it was suggested to him. *By LBJ?*

If Trial by Jury succeeds maybe I can make a suggestion or two for possible scripts. One a guy with my name, no relative, but I met him a couple of times, who was convicted of a murder of which he was innocent in Washington, The Meridian Hill murder. He was free ^{when} what years later I met him socially. *I think the Post did it.*

If you say you may be back next year, I hope that means you have a prospect. And if you do and Sandy is looking for a job, I would urge her to consider this area rather than nearer DC. It is growing fast, too. Maybe then also, if you have no other one in mind, I can suggest a meaningful project to you.

The winter here has been as you heard. We've made out OK thanks to kind and thoughtful neighbors who from time to time dug us out. But it was so much too unsafe for me to be out I missed so much of my walking and quite limited physical therapy that I feel it.

If as I may have I told you that the about 20% of what I wrote and is to be published as Case Open even lacked a Conclusion, what is true, I just heard today that my argument prevailed, that the new one I wrote overnight is at the printer's, but I did not hear when copies will be available. When I agreed to editing, which I did not anticipate would be deplating, part of the deal was that I'd get three copies of the retyped ms. I am getting two, second instalment today. Wrono is real high on the rough draft, which he has.

I hope you never have another experience like sweating those aftershocks out, but if you do and it is not hot, I learned when I had to in the army that we can sleep in our clothes. It is just that we don't and never have to.

Save that ^{the} pitching has not yet come around, the Os are promising this year. I do not catch the night games but Lil does and still enjoys them.

Our best,

Harold

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Dear Harold,

Please forgive my tardiness in returning your letters. Between the earthquake and a new job, things have been quite hectic out here. As Sandy and I have heard from our families in Maryland, you have had a very severe winter. I hope that you and Lil are holding up well. Hopefully spring will soon be upon you (It appears that summer has arrived in L.A. - yesterday it was 86 degrees!).

Thank you for sending the copy of *Selections from Whitewash*. It appears as though the publisher has done a fine job in packaging your efforts. I look forward to seeing your new books on the store shelves soon. I'm sure you did an excellent job in putting the lie to Posner.

Regarding your letter dated 2/22/94, I have no objection to you using any of the materials I gave you regarding Russell and Cooper's objections to the single-bullet theory. Regarding Alfreda Scobey, she was brought in to serve as an assistant to Russell. (This was the compromise Rankin used to keep Russell on the Commission when he tried to resign in March, 1964, because of his heavy congressional work load. Scobey focused solely on Commission affairs, attending hearings and summarizing testimony for Russell.)

I was laid off from *Unsolved Mysteries* last October and have worked on several productions since then. Right now I am serving as associate producer on a pilot program for NBC titled *Trial By Jury*. The premise of the show is to take the transcripts from actual criminal trials and dramatize them. The job has kept me extremely busy (12 hour days for the last 4 weeks). Hopefully it will be "picked up" by the network and turned into a weekly series. The pilot is scheduled to be broadcast on April 29, 1994.

The Northridge earthquake on January 17th was unquestionably the most frightening experience of our lives. Luckily we came through it relatively unscathed. Our apartment building did not sustain any structural damage, which is more than can be said for the building next door - it suffered major damage and is now condemned. (Approximately 50-60 apartment buildings within a 1-mile radius of us suffered a similar fate.) We did lose all of our crystal, most of our china, and plenty of dishes, glasses, bottles and other breakables. Three large bookcases in my office toppled onto my desk, throwing books everywhere and knocking my computer onto the floor (luckily it survived). Our nerves were so jangled that Sandy and I spent the two weeks after the quake sleeping in

the living room with our clothes and shoes within arms length. Adding to our anxiety are the experts predictions that this could just be the beginning of increased seismic activity in Southern California. Hopefully we will be moving back to Maryland in the next year or so.

It looks to be an exciting year for the Orioles with the addition of Palmeiro, Sabo, etc. This could be the most explosive offense the Orioles have fielded since the days of Murray, Ripken, Singleton, etc. Hopefully the pitching will hold out. If so, I think we will be heading back to the postseason (finally). I hope you and Lil enjoy the season.

Hope you have a warm spring.

Best wishes to you both,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to be 'CJ' or similar initials, written in black ink.