Mr. Wayne Smith 12208 Candle Light Circle Fort Washington, ND 20744 Dear Wayne,

You had not been gone for long when Jerry McKnigh! phoned. His wife had had a medical appointment. Next time you are up he'd like to meet you.

The exclosed copy of the press conference of the Parkland doctors has an exhibit number dided. That is the number of an exhibit in another lengthy record I made for our history. The original was on legal-sized paper. I had the reduced-size copy made for that document.

I do not recall telling you about that. One of the members of the Assassination Records Review Board, Kermit Hall, has been seeking publicity for himself in a way that led me to believe he was using his ARAB position, which is but part-time, for career advancement. After I filed what I'm referring to I did get confirmation of the possibility if not the probability. (Naturally his local media has no interest.) He is deen of humanities, I think executive dean and professor of history and law at thio State. The president resigned to go to Brown and Hall is reportedly a candidate to replace him.

He got to deliver the Sobeloff lecture in Maryland and enlarged that into an article more than 20,000 words long for the first issue of this year of the Maryland Law Review. I learned of that rather late, got a copy and wrote what I did about the first part. I left the remainder of wrone who expressed an interest in responding.

I doubt Hall did all that himself and whether or not he did he misrepresented my work. The treated all who do not agree with the official mythology as assassination conspiracists. Whether or not he did his own work and despite his career of several years on the ARRB he was and he remains a subject-matter ignoramus. I demonstrated that in what I wrote and use the exhibits instead of notes after saying that in his use of notes he gave notes a bad name.

In what I wrote 'pointed out that it is not possible for the ARRB to do what the Congress told it to do in the law that created it, make assassination records available, because it was not seeking them and could not, having adopted the conclusions of the Warren Report as fact when they are not. It instead is seeking to make the false Warren Report look true.

What I next say about this I ask you to keep in confidence because I made only a limited reference to it in what I sent the AUUB and the dean of the law schoolwith no ac nolwedgement of receipt from either. One of Hall's misrepresentations is the meaning of what I wrote about the Secret Service. The fact is that I have

gone out of my way to defend the agents who were detailed with JFK that day. And others in PRS. One of whom was libelled by an egocentrick gunsmith named Donahue who came up with the impossible theory that he had killed JFK by accident. That retired agent is named George Nickey.

Another retired agent of that detail was in touch with me by phone from time to time. We and he said others were convinced there had been a conspracy to kill JFK. He told me that Hickey had psychiatric problems otherwise he'd have sued Donebue and the publisher of him ghosted hortal Error. As we talked I encowaged him to have Hickey's daughted get in touch with me. She did, by phone, and I urged he to speak to jim Lesar, to use my name as suggesting this to her, and I sent her some of what I have that I believe could be used. Jim never got around to telling me that she had, that he had taken the case, and that he got a young lawyer named Mark Zaid to help on it. After you left yesterday he phoned to tell me that they Will be deposing me probably early next month. I'd told Donahue long before the book that what he theorized was impossible and where he could see the proof.

I am not confident that if it came out I saw to it that Hickey could be represented by a lawyer that would be helpful to Hickey, the only reason I ask that you keep this to yourself.

Jim has gone over my file and copied what he wants for the case.

If you think the content of what I sent the law-school dean and ARCB could be of interest, I can lend you the disk. It will cost more to get it xeroxed and to mail the xerox but I can do that. I'd ash Jirry to

If after you read Waketh you decide you'd like the second epilogue, please let Jerry McUnight know because he can get the copies made and mail it easier than $^{\rm I}$. It is a bit over 250 pages and Staples here charges $5 \not\in q$ page.

You are, if I did not make that clear, welcome to copies of anything I have dere to for history's record but I as that you make no uses of any of it that can get me involved in what I'm now too feeble for, controversies with the assassination nuts.

By typing being what it is, in addition to beknight these who can provide of copies and might be of help to you otherwise are identified on the back of the first page with copies of mailing labels to them. Neichter is a lawyer who is a Cooper fand and whose family was friendly with coper who is, aside fro being my dead friend, seeking to improve the Cooper archive at their Alma Tater. It seems that coper kept much secret and left few records that were found.

As things come to mind. McKnight has copies of all the executive session transcripts I did not publish in facsimile, as I did in WW IV and Post Mortem.

Without my asking him to reichter depovided the copy of Waketh from which the copy you borrowed was made. He is a fine person and does all he can to help others and has laways refused to let me pay him. He has provided some of the copies some of the others have.

Wrone is starting to retired from the Univ. Wisc. Stevens Point where he has for years been a tenurred prof. of history. MacDonald and Ginocchio are sociologists who are his former students but did not know that until they met in graduate school. Liland I are fond of all of them and their wives.

see Before I get onto other things I do not want to forget what when I thought of it led me to write you so promptly. I believe that any examination of the media and the assassinations should treat the absolute refusal of any of the media to raise even a question about the Warren Commission proceding in total secrecy when if Ruby had not been allowed to kill Oswald (and I do not mean to suggest he was allowed deliberatelty) there would have been no secrecy at any public trial. Compare this, for example, with the media and the Simpson case. OJ.

You will see that all the media knew the first day and with the first word from the doctors that they believed JFK was shot from the front. But the media forgot that when the Commission got going. For a while, however, it did try to report in terms of that shot coming from the front and still coming from Oswald. It had the President turned around so he could be shot in the front.

Wisconsin/Wrone has 25 boxes of NYTines, AP wire and the San Francisco Bay area coverage provided by my late dear friend Jim White, who with his wife ennifer did that collecting. She did the filing. I told you about his coauthored biblio that was published by the name I could not remember, Greenway.

I should have mentioned for when you are here again that you go over what I have filed under FBI/DeLoach in the subject file. There is a little media stuff in it. You'll be able to tell by the titles on the folders. That is the File Classification 94 stuff, "esearch Matters, I did mention.

MacDonald and Ginocchio did a paper on what they found here and they are expanding that into a book. Both fine men.

We are glad we met and we do thank you for the lunch. Glad you liked those crab cakes, too.

Best, darde