

Dear Ed, *Tatw*

12/23/93

Again thanks for what I'll read after I try to get all today's mail answered for the last outgoing before the holiday. As always thanks for the SASE, too.

Please do not go to the trouble and expense of dubbing the Wecht/Posner on CNN. I will not take the time to view it and will perhaps get a transcript.

Until your 12/20 I wondered why I've not heard from Newman. His friendship with that nonstop liar Lifton may explain it. If I did not tell you, when the Newmans were here Thanksgiving and he told me of the work he was doing, I thought of one record in particular I had in two file folders labelled for the book I once planned, Agent Oswald? We went into my office so I could show it to him and both folders are gone. Now that Oswald file drawer was so full I had to put the work I'd done on the Jean Davison book and in preparation for a Pacifica radio show in the drawer below. Newman saw that with the space once those two files were gone I had space for that Davison stuff. And there is only one person who has worked in my office files, Livingstone's cop Waybright. There is no question about it, Waybright is the one who did steal my only copy of my analysis of Best Evidence, which I'd made for the record only, and my duplication of his MDW FOIA request. He borrowed them to save xeroxing cost and never returned them. He clearly sold them to Lifton. He was working for Lifton while working for Livingstone. Confirmed. So when he was the only one who had access to that file drawer, he has to be the one who stole/sold them. I explained this to Newman and he may prefer to believe Lifton's self-serving word. I've not heard from Newman since. He has not returned what he borrowed and it is now a month.

Monterey correspondence interesting!

I know of nobody else who knew Rita and nobody else ever spoke to me about her. So I know no way of getting an address. Did you try Mary Ferrell?

Many thanks. And have a good holiday season.

Harold

Lifton's next book is on Oswald

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DEAR HAROLD,

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 12/12/93.

FIRST, RICK RUSSO HAS THE VIDEO TAPE
YOU NEED (CNN CROSSFIRE POSNER/WECHT) AND
I'VE ASKED HIM FOR A DUPLICATE ... SO I'LL
GET THAT TO YOU AS SOON AS I CAN. OKAY?
HE'LL BE VISITING HIS MOM FOR XMAS WHICH IS
NEAR YOUR HOME. WE'LL WORK IT OUT ONE WAY
OR THE OTHER.

2NDLY, I'VE INDIRECTLY HELPED JOHN
NEWMAN SINCE I WAS THE FIRST RESEARCHER
TO FORCE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY
ROUGH DRAFTS OF NSAM # 273 OF THE ROUGH DRAFT
NSAM # 273. HIS INSCRIPTION IS ENCLOSED. HE
AND I SPOKE AT A RECENT JFK SYMPOSIUM AT
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. YES, HIS WORK IS SOLID,
BUT I SHOULD INFORM YOU THAT HE IS VERY
FRIENDLY WITH DAVID LIFTON.

ENCLOSED:

- 1) FOIA CARTOON — COMIC RELIEF, HAROLD!
FINE LINE BETWEEN COMEDY AND TRAGEDY, TRUE?
- 2) WALKER OBITUARY STURGIS IS DEAD TOO.
- 3) BOOKLIST — SEPT 15, 1993 REVIEW.
- 4) FT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM SEPT 3, 1993 — POSNER!
- 5) JACK WHITE / FLETCHER PROUTY COLLABORATION

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FOCUSING ON LOU CONEIN, WILD STUFF.

6) BOSTON MAGAZINE NOV, 1993 - RUSSELL/O'LESBY/
MELANSON ARTICLE.

7) PER YOUR REQUEST, I AM ENCLDING FOUR
LETTERS TO ME FROM THE DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE.
THE FIRST TWO 1/17/85 AND 3/7/85 ARE
INTERESTING. THE FIRST IS THE USUAL MONTEREY
DENIAL WITH LAME CONJECTURE FOR A SIMPLE
INNOCENT EXPLANATION FOR THE MYSTERY. THE
SECOND LETTER IS AN ADMITTANCE THAT NO
CORRESPONDENCE WAS RETAINED WITH THE WARREN
COMMISSION OR HSCA WHICH IS WHAT I WAS SEEKING.

PENNIS OFSTEIN WAS AT D.L.I. I HAVE A
CLASS ROSTER OF HIM PRESENT, BUT MUCH EARLIER
THAN D.L.I WAS WILLING TO CHECK. I HOPE
THIS HELPS. I WOULD HAVE SENT THIS INFO TO
POSHER, BUT HE NEVER RESPONDED TO MY LETTER
OFFERING THEM. SASE ENCLOSED.

MERRY XMAS.!!

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PS DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDRESSES/ PHONE #'S OF
ANYONE, FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBERS, DAUGHTER OF
RITA MUSGROVE?

JFK
AND
VIETNAM

To Ed Tatro —
keep up the great
work!!
Good luck and Best
wishes —
Joe Spillane
November 13, 1993