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Dear Hal,

This indicate my time pressure. <sup>y</sup> And I've been up 15 1/3 hours and it is not yet supertime! And I've other mail and packages to make. But I want to respond to your letter and thank you for the enclosures I've not yet looked at and probably won't until whatever hour beginning perhaps midnight I'm up. I appreciate the information in the letter and the enclosures but I won't respond to all. What I've been doing recently is using a highlighter to tell me what to return to.

I wrote Tikkun again and said you do not apply it to yourselves. I understand <sup>stand</sup> that the in Hebrew the word means correction. Wrono liked what I sent them (off the top of the head, obviously) so much that he had <sup>it</sup> retyped. And, of course, I like that! I did not expect to hear from them and as of today <sup>now</sup> not even an acknowledgement.

For us we are OK, thanks. I was just 79 and day after tomorrow <sup>all</sup> is 80. So, we are lucky and tolerate what troubles we have.

I'm glad <sup>you</sup> are past the pneumonia and that you got the shot.

I've had arrhythmia for years and the doctors haven't worried about it so <sup>+</sup> don't. And for 30 years I've <sup>not</sup> had to. When you refer to medication to thin the blood, is it coumadin? Probably a very low level if it is. I've been on that since 1975. <sup>+</sup> It is, literally, rat poison, and it is a wonderful thing how many it has kept alive and productive. But at high levels, mine, it can be dangerous. <sup>(it is sodium warfarin)</sup>

I read the Ruby script. Miserably bad! Glad to hear it is not doing well. it shouldn't!

I'd not heard of the medical release document and do not have it.

I finally decided that about the one thing new in Crenshaw's book, the alleged call from LBJ, he is a liar. A letter from Dave Perry today says the same thing. <sup>he</sup> lied. The rest is Shaw's mishmash of theory over which an occasional fact was wafted and it is Crenshaw's egotrip.

People sure collect trash for which they pay fortunes. I'd not heard of that LHM library card being \$12,500!

Barnes & Noble are late with their Warren <sup>report</sup> reissue. <sup>had</sup> Wladen had the official GPO Report in <sup>hardback</sup> for about \$13 for more than a month.

I've only peeked at the enclosures but that peek tells me it cost time and money and I do thank you. The xeroxes these days are much better for me because I have to sit with my legs up and when I first get up I have to take it easy until the ticker ticks a little more often. So, normally I sit and read after washing.

I know someone who is doing a master's thesis on the major media, Mostly the Times and Post and mostly for the first 10 days, if you have anything that could be of use to him. I've told him about the White's deposit at Misc. <sup>he is in Virginia.</sup> Heard a few minutes ago that Livingston's High Treason 2 is on the Times best-seller list <sup>coming</sup>

Best and Thanks Hal

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Dear Hal;

I received your letter of 3/24/92 together with the report on Robert G. Storey and your 3/24/92 reply to the "Tikkun" article. I think your reply was straight to the point and you effectively demonstrated how woefully inadequate Tikkun was in handling not only Stone's movie but in knowing how to sift fact from fiction in all the various "conspiracy theories". I would doubt very much that Tikkun will print your letter in full or even part of it because the writers you named can not reply to the questions you raised about their alleged documentation.

I do hope that both you and your wife are ok. I know I haven't called you in some time and hope to do so in the near future. I get all sorts of calls from assassination buffs from time to time and read whatever books come out or TV shows that appear and there have been a few since I last wrote you. I'll make some comments about the books and TV shows in this letter.

I have pretty much recovered from my pneumonia attack and appreciate your concern in wanting to know. I still visit the doctor (cardiologist) and they are monitoring my heart "condition". I did have a problem of arrhythmia but they've got it under control. The various pills I take (about 12 a day) monitor other aspects such as thinness of blood. I know I'm in very good hands and my doctor (who is a woman) is a real professional. She explains every thing I ask her and describes to me what possibilities can arise. So far there is no cause for alarm.

By the way I also appreciate the advice you gave to me about getting a shot against pneumonia. I followed your advice and took the shot in the arm. None of the doctors had mentioned that there was such a thing and I would not have known about it if you hadn't mentioned it.

As you can see from the enclosures I've included a whole range of items which, of course, are for your records. I'll comment on some of them but most speak for themselves.

David Wrone sent me an article he wrote on Melanson's book on Oswald. I share his views about the book being written in haste and should not be recommended. By the way, Wrone in his letter to me described Oliver Stone's "JFK" movie as "Warren Report no. 2." I agree and I would add to the films being done that god-awful film called "Ruby". I call that film: "Warren Report 2.4". The film-makers did state that it was a fictional version based on fact but it was dreadful. The film is doing very bad at the box office and has been moved from theater to theater.

Speaking about films, the other night I happened to watch a film I hadn't seen in 19 years and it was "Executive Action". I know that both you and I share the same views about the film but there was one scene that caught my attention. You may not have seen the film so I'll describe it for you. The so-called "conspirators" are sitting in a very luxuriou living room of Robert Ryan who plays the part of the "organizer" of this "conspiracy". The room has been darkened and the "conspirators" are being shown a film presenting various aspects of Lee Harvey Oswald's life. They do show actual footage of New Orleans and documents relating to Oswald's time in the Marine Corps. One of the documents was Oswald's Marine Corps discharge which looked like the original but it was the document shown immediately after this that caught my eye. The narrator of the film said it was the medical release document accompanying Oswald's discharge. In the lower left hand corner of the document typed was : "Verb, M.D." It happened so quickly that I couldn't be certain that I saw what I saw (and you know how our perceptions of events can be influenced by psychological factors). Not long after seeing that I was speaking to my brother, Roy, whom I'm sure you remember. I did not call him - he called me and I asked him if he saw "Executive Action" and he said he had and I asked him if he could recall seeing what I saw and he said, yes, he recalled seeing the name, too. I asked him if he had seen it why hadn't he mentioned it to me since he knew of my intense interest back in 1973. He simply couln't remember but he assures me he did see the "Verb" name on the document. My brother is a very keen and sharp observor and I know he is not saying something merely to please me. I've asked a researcher to look at the film again (he has a copy) and he promised to do so and will tell me if indeed I did see what I observed. There may have been more of the name Verb (my TVset could've cut either the first initial or full first name off) but I'll await his reply before I look into the matter. Assuming it is Verb we most likely are related. If so, he may be able to fill in some details about the "discharge" . Obviously I can't say now if this could be the case but I do believe the "Verb" in the document should be contacted and who would be a better candidate than myself or my brother. He may be more apt to confide in me as a relative than some reporter who is not related to him. In any event, do you know of the existence of such a document? It looked as if it could have come from the Volumes. I would doubt that it came from the archives (that is to say, the film-makers relied on the volumes for the copy). If you do find something on this please let me know.

Some comments on the enclosed: "The Realist articles" on Paul Kangas speak for themselves. Both Krassner and Kangas come out of this looking very bad. But you can add this to the "record" and with articles like these it is a very sorry record, indeed!

I'm right now in the middle of reading Dr.Crenshaw's book (Ive enclosed articles about him). I'm sure you've undoubtedly seen stuff on him by now. He's getting a lot of media exposure (radio, TV, etc.)

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He appeared on 20/20 and was on the Larry King radio show this past Friday(4/10). King said an interesting thing about himself. As you may be aware King had heart by-pass surgery a while back. King said his doctor whose name was Wayne EYESOM (phonetic spelling) had worked on Connally at Parkland. Crenshaw said he knew him. Another interesting little item about the King interview with Crenshaw occurred when some caller claimed that he had heard a CBS radio interview of Crenshaw a long time ago (it might conceivably be right after 11/22/63). Crenshaw, according to the caller, had stated that the front neck wound was one of entry. The caller also stated that the first editions of both the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and the N.Y. TIMES had stories on Crenshaw to this effect but subsequent editions did not have the articles. The caller then claimed that both papers denied that the story ever appeared.

I just now got a call from my brother, Roy, and he told me he rented the video film "Executive Action" and examined the particular scene I mentioned on page 2 of this letter. He said it is not Verb but it is VERS instead. So I was wrong (and so was my brother) about seeing what we thought we saw. I guess this can be used as an object lesson for those "researchers" who see all sorts of things in photos, documents, letters and articles. You'll note that I mentioned my caution before my brother had a chance to examine the film. You can, of course, use this as an example in showing how misleading our eyes and perceptions can be. I know I will use it in any talks I give.

My comment on the enclosed Oswald autograph on a library card now being offered for sale: The price of \$12,500 seems absurdly high and ridiculous, don't you think, but the funny thing is there's probably some rich collector out there who will pay that amount!!

Final comment on an enclosure: Note the Barnes and Noble ad. The ad says it is reissuing the Warren Report and states there were 24 volumes instead of 26. It then mistakenly states: "Amazingly, both editions were out of print...until now." It suggests to readers of this ad that they will be getting one volume consisting of 25 books in all. A thoroughly and utterly reprehensible action of the editors at Barnes and Noble. It cannot, in my opinion, be mere ignorance. They are obviously taking advantage of the Stone film, the various books and media attention. If I can find the time I intend to write them..

There are probably some other items I can tell you about but I want to close this letter and get it into the mail. There is one final thing I do want to mention and that is this quote from Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. in the NY Review of Books 3/26/92: "The whole argument is pointless because no American Administration had planned to invade Cuba." (Here Schlesinger is referring to the debate over whether JFK had given his pledge to the Russians that Cuba would not be invaded by the U.S.). I can't understand how Schlesinger can even suggest such an idea but there it is!!

I'll close now and get this off to the mail.

Yours,

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