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Dear Hal,

Aside from being iced in, after days of being snowed in, I'm busier than usual with my Posner book, about which more later. I'm glad to get what he said opposite Scott. Thanks for it and the other enclosures.

I'm glad too to get that page from Socialist Action and to learn about the Karl Evanzz book in it. If Roland Sheppard is hung up on that and on Pepper and his newest gag I'd rather not hear from him. I just do not want to waste time when I have so little. From what Pepper has let out, this story doesn't stack. As his earlier stories haven't.

~~Evanzz~~ Evanzz is ignorant of the basic and established and well known fact when he says that the anonymous letter he says Hoover sent King was about his not staying at the Lorraine and that is what had King there to be killed. The story the FBI planted was after the 3/28/68 violence and that is when the FBI planted that story and King had always stayed at the Lorraine and never in any white hotel or motel there. "Anyway, I want no involvement with writing that is not factual and like these yarns, do harm and no good and mislead and misinform the people.

I've laid the George Ball Reeves article in the NY Review of 2/3/94 that I'm very glad to get aside to read when I awaken in the early a.m., to my coffee. From what you say it will be of interest. On JFK and Vietnam, I recommend highly the John Newman book of that title. From it your opinion is close. It was not vacillation, though, I think. But it will be better if you get it straight.

On the weather you refer to, we've made out but I have not been able to do my daily walking and my more damaged leg is complaining about that! Twice I think since Xmas only was it possible. I had to reschedule two medical appointments today because it seemed unsafe to leave the house.

I did have extraordinarily wonderful eye surgery when a cataract was removed and by a new implant lens her vision was corrected enormously without a lens for that eye. But the windchill that day was such that a neighbor drove us to the hospital so we, meaning mostly I, could have only the distance from the car to the door to be out in it. Ditto for the return and for the trip to the office the next morning. I learned the hard way that what the doctor told me years ago about windchill is no joke. But I did learn!

Again thanks, and our best,

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Dear Harold =

I'm enclosing a page from the latest issue of "Socialist Action" which tells of the recent information appearing in the British paper, "The Observer" Dec. 12, 1993.

You're probably familiar with this story but you may not be aware of the article enclosed written by Roland Sheppard. I ran into Roland at a forum I attended & told him about your book on James Earl Ray but he did not know of it. He knew about your writings on the JFK case. Roland asked me for your address & phone number as he wanted to discuss this with you. I'll be calling him about this and you'll probably receive a phone call from him very shortly.

I'm also enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in the December, 1993 issue of "California Monthly". As you can see it's a "debate" between Peter Dale Scott and Posner. It's interesting to note that Posner doesn't address a single evidentiary piece to support his so-

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called "conclusion" of lone assassin theory. It's the same old re-cycled "Oswald was a disturbed kid-truant - wife-beater & crazed Marxist/ anarchist driven" individual. Poor, Lymon, probably has learned to steer clear of any evidence because it gets him caught up in verification he can't really handle. So he trots out the "abnormal psychology" routine.

The other article I'm enclosing (by George Ball) on JFK which appeared in the "New York Review of Books" (2/3/94) is far more interesting & revealing. Ball, of course, knew JFK & thus can tell where Richard Reeves goes astray. I thought his (Ball's) comments on what JFK did (or didn't do) about Vietnam go a long way in explaining the controversy about JFK's intentions. It may not be conclusive but it certainly adds more light to the subject & cannot be easily dismissed. My own view is that JFK was caught in a quandary which he could not easily get out of & his vacillation can be explained by the great pressures put on him. Most interesting (and very little observed by most writers) is what Ball had to say about JFK's father who played a very important role in advising (or even guiding) his son. Certainly there's food for thought here.

Well, that's all I have for now. Hope you get through the extreme cold weather & things are back to normal.

I'll, of course, keep in touch.

Best,

Hal