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Dear Hal,

Glad to get your letter of the 8th and one of the two enclosures. I'd heard that Jim Eason had gotten rather extreme but I'd no idea it is that awful! I'd pretty much assumed before hearing that he had because he used to phone me often then didn't at all.

The article on the press is excellent. On the press, one of your people out there, Herzgaard, wrote an excellent one I'm reading, On Bended Knees. Individual reporters are protesting the censorship. Best I've heard was a NYTimes man on NPR and then on commercial TV, one of the nets.

I'm in the middle of something I fear that if I do not respond promptly I may forget. One the list or inventory of pictures I presume you have Richard Spragues. If you don't you can probably get it from Bud Fensterwald's AARC, 918 F St., NW, #510, DC 20004.

Glad at to hear that Joe Dolan is OK and still doing something worthwhile. If you are in touch again, please remember me to him.

I remember the last time I saw him. He then had a TV show on I think the Kaiser UHF station. The other guest was to have been a black mayor, was it Hatcher? The station got bomb threats so I was the only guest.

Writing something the other day I was reminded of Harv Morgan. I liked him, his wife Judy and the boy they adopted (Michael?) very much.

Great story on Joe Ball! I guess the remnant of conscience still bothers him or he'd just not say anything. But for them not to know is not so unusual. I've been before judges in FOIA cases who at the end of the case did not know what was sued for and said what was quite wrong and then based a decision on that.

I'm not surprised you were well received talking about the JFL case. We are getting more orders now than 10 years ago.

I'm glad you are still interested and look forward to what you are sending. Let me add something to the list: the Oliver Stone so-called documentary on the JFK assassination. It is going to be based on bad books. Including Garrison's last, which as you may have no way of knowing, is feally terrible.

They used Marina to shill for Lifton on that show. When I saw the teaser it said once that she would be on it. That is about all that can be said, she was, for a minute or less. Lifton and his impossibility got the play and sold his cassette. I hear he is working on a book on Oswald, again with sensational and unique discoveries. If you hear anything on that or him I'm curious.

Not much new here. We are OK for us only we both now have heavy colds, first for me in years. I'm trying to do a little writing and I get to do it for a couple of hours a day then I'm tired.

Thanks and best,

Hal

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DEAR HAL:

I HAD INTENDED WRITING TO YOU BEFORE THE NEW YEAR BEGAN BUT BECAUSE OF THE GULF WAR I BECAME VERY INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT HERE IN THE BAY AREA. WE'VE SINCE MOUNTED TWO VERY BIG DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY. YOU PROBABLY READ SOMETHING ABOUT THEM IN THE WASHINGTON PRESS BUT KNOWING THE CREATURE THE PRESS IS IT PROBABLY WAS A DISTORTED ~~THE~~ PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED.

BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS OR PERHAPS SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE U.S. WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE IN A GROUND WAR. PROTESTS HERE WILL PROBABLY TAKE ON A MUCH MORE PROFOUND OUTRAGE AND MORE AND MORE GROUPS WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER TO STOP ALL THIS MADNESS. I'M REMINDED OF A QUOTATION BY GOETHE WHO SAID THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE TERRIBLE IN THE WORLD THAN TO SEE IGNORANCE IN ACTION. OR MAYBE VOLTAIRE'S WORDS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE WHEN HE WROTE "ALLOW PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN ABSURDITIES AND THEY WILL COMMIT ATROCITIES".

SPEAKING ABOUT OUR GLORIOUS FOURTH ESTATE, THE PRESS, I'M ENCLOSING A CARTOON AND AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE LOCAL BAY AREA ALTERNATIVE PAPERS (WHERE, AS USUAL, THE BEST AND MOST INSIGHTFUL REPORTING IS BEING WRITTEN). THE CARTOON'S ABOUT OUR OLD FRIEND, JIM EASON, WHO HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE WE KNEW HIM AND IS NOW FIRMLY IN THE SUPERHAWK RANKS. ALTHOUGH I DON'T LISTEN TO HIS RADIO PROGRAM SINCE I'M AT WORK WHEN HE'S ON I UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS CALLED FOR A BOYCOTT OF ANY NEWSPAPER THAT DOESN'T PRINT REPRODUCTIONS OF THE AMERICAN FLAG DURING THIS GULF WAR PERIOD! THE LAST TIME I RAN INTO HIM A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK HE DID NOT SEEM TOO FRIENDLY AND WAS ACTING OUT HIS RADIO "PERSONA".

BY THE WAY SPEAKING ABOUT RADIO PERSONALITIES I RECEIVED A NICE LETTER FROM JOE DOLAN AFTER I HAD CALLED HIM WHEN I WAS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO ATTEND A CONVENTION. HE GAVE HIS REGARDS TO YOU. HE'S VERY, VERY BUSY INVOLVED AS A JUDGE HANDLING JUVENILE CASES. I RECALL ON THE PHONE WHEN I SPOKE TO HIM THAT HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND THE "STUPIDITY" OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE HE FACED IN COURT. JOE SENT ME SOME STUFF ABOUT JOE BALL WHICH HAD SOME COMMENTS ON BALL'S ROLE IN THE WARREN COMMISSION. I'LL SEND YOU A COPY OF IT WHEN I GET SOME OTHER STUFF TOGETHER I WANT TO ALSO SEND YOU. BUT THERE IS ONE INTRIGUING REMARK BY BALL WHICH I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND AMUSING (THIS IS FROM THE L.A. DAILY JOURNAL DATED 11/26/90 WHICH IS PROBABLY A LAW DAILY): "SOMEBODY RECENTLY CAME UP WITH AN AUDIO TAPE, ANALYZED BY A COMPUTER, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE FOUR GUN-SHOTS ON IT. WE LISTENED TO THAT TAPE. (MY EMPHASIS, HAL). YOU CAN'T HEAR ANY SHOTS. BESIDES, THE TAPE WAS RECORDED OFF THE TWO-WAY RADIO OF A MOTORCYCLE POLICEMAN WHO WAS NOWHERE NEAR DEALEY PLAZA WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT."

AS YOU CAN SEE, BALL'S "REBUTTAL" HAS OPENED UP A CAN OF WORMS HE'D BE HARD PRESSED TO DEFEND IF, INDEED, HE BELIEVES WHAT HE TOLD THE REPORTER. HE MOST LIKELY FIGURED THE REPORTER WOULDN'T QUESTION HIM AT ALL. (YOU MAY FIND IT AMUSING TO NOTE THAT THE REPORTER'S NAME IS G. BUSH!)

THE OTHER ARTICLE I'VE ENCLOSED IS ONE BY LAURA FRASER ON THE PRESS AND THE GULF WAR WHICH IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS I'VE SEEN SO FAR. IT SHOULD GET A WIDER AUDIENCE AND MORE CIRCULATION. THE DUPLICITY AND DECEITFULNESS OF THE MAIN-STREAM PRESS IN ITS "KIDS GLOVE" APPROACH TO THE PENTAGON IS BEAUTIFULLY REVEALED.

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON UPDATING A COMPILATION OF ALL THE KNOWN FILMS TAKEN OF THE JFK ASSASSINATION AND HAD INTENDED TO SEND IT TO YOU BEFORE THE NEW YEAR ROLLED AROUND BUT HAD TO DELAY IT BECAUSE OF THE GULF WAR. IT'LL, OF COURSE, INCLUDE THE DCA FILM AND I HAD DOCUMENTED NOT ONLY WHAT YOU'VE DONE BUT WHAT OTHERS HAVE COMPILED. NATURALLY WHERE THERE IS A DOUBT ABOUT WHAT A PARTICULAR WRITER CLAIMS I'VE INCLUDED MY COMMENTS. AS FAR AS I KNOW NO ONE HAS DONE THE COMPILATION I'VE GOT LOGGED. I WANT TO HAVE IT PUT ON A COMPUTER SO THAT IT WILL BE A READABLE COPY INSTEAD OF MY POOR OVER-WORKED TYPEWRITER. I THINK YOU WILL FIND IT USEFUL.

BY THE WAY, I SPOKE ON THE JFK AFFAIR BEFORE A HUMANIST GROUP BACK IN NOVEMBER AND WAS WELL RECEIVED. I HAD ALSO INTENDED TO SPEAK IN S.F. ON THE CASE FOR THIS MONTH BUT HAD TO POSTPONE IT BECAUSE AT THIS POINT TO DISCUSS THAT CASE WITH THE OVERWHELMING QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE WAR WOULD'VE BEEN OBVIOUSLY UNPRODUCTIVE.

AS I MENTIONED BEFORE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS I HAVE FOR YOU BUT I WILL GET AROUND TO SENDING THESE, HOPEFULLY, SOON. IN THE MEANTIME I HOPE EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL FOR YOU. WRITE WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE.

BEST,

Hal Verb
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this modern world

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HELLO, BOB! WHO'S THAT ON THE **RADIO**?

WHY, THAT'S KGO'S **JIM EASON**, WANDA!

SAY-- ISN'T HE THE TALK SHOW HOST WHO REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF **TRUE AMERICANS** SUCH AS YOU AND I?

THESE DARN PROTESTERS

HE CERTAINLY *IS*! WHY, HE PLAYS "GOD BLESS AMERICA" **EVERY DAY!** AND HE MAKES MANY **AMUSINGLY DISPARAGING** REMARKS ABOUT THE PEACE MOVEMENT! HE EVEN REFERS TO OUR CITY AS "SANCTUARY FRISCO"! HA, HA!

HA, HA!

DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND

BUT BEST OF *ALL*, JIM EASON HAS BEEN EXHORTING HIS AUDIENCE TO CALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND INSIST THAT THEY PRINT REPRODUCTIONS OF THE **AMERICAN FLAG**-- AS A **PUBLIC SERVICE!**

AMERICANS SHOULDN'T QUESTION THEIR PRESIDENT

GOSH, BOB-- PRESSURING NEWS ORGANIZATIONS INTO INAPPROPRIATE DISPLAYS OF PATRIOTISM IS A **TERRIFIC** WAY TO DEMONSTRATE ONE'S SUPPORT FOR THE WAR!

THAT'S **TRUE**, WANDA...

THEY SHOULD DO WHAT THEY'RE TOLD

IN FACT, THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OUR READERS TO **CALL KGO-AM** AT 415-954-8100 -- AND REQUEST THAT IN LIEU OF HIS USUAL TALK SHOW, EASON SPEND HIS ON-AIR TIME READING ALOUD THE **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES!**

WHY, WHO COULD **REFUSE** SUCH A PATRIOTIC REQUEST-- EXCEPT MAYBE AN **IRAQI SYMPATHIZER?**

YOU SAID IT, WANDA!

AS GOD BLESS AMERICA

TOM TOMORROW