

Dear Hal,

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That so many sucke Marina is her special tragedy. I anticipated that the La Fontaines would use her and wrote her in ~~advance~~ advance to caution her not to endorse any book without a <sup>thorough</sup> ~~theoretical~~ check. But she thinks that kind of foolish stuff can help his rep and perhaps that of her daughters and grandchildren.

I have the ARRB annual report, thanks.

The members of the ARRB are ignorant of what happened to the members of the Warren Commission and have made the same mistakes. Their reputations have suffered, will suffer more, and all the crap they are getting dumped in the Archives will defy access even more. If they have brought to light a single meaningful assassination record from any agency I'm not aware of it. They have let some informative NSCA stuff out and I've used some of it.

ARRB does need time if it is to do anything of any real meaning but you are right on their need for motivation. The right kind, not numbers.

If you are near Paul Haller I'm sure he'd like to see you.

Had a note from Paul. Answered it.

Glad to get that Rowan article. If he'd had this view 30 years ago it all could have been different. Ditto for the King family. They refused to do anything other than the government wanted. I tried so I know.

I suppose there is nobody near her to whom Marina can talk about these things other than nuts. That includes the Lancer people. Debra Conway asked me to write a piece on the La Fontaines, I did, they got that phony with the great ego Evica to edit and he kept the thing from appearing. That got Marina off on those La Fontaine promotions on the Oprah show, etc.

No, Marina does as those nuts counsel her to do.

Hope you have a good vacation.

Best,

Hal

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Dear Hal =

I'm writing to you just a few days before I leave for a Florida vacation (I'll be there from March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>).

I'm enclosing an article on the Ray case plus the contents of a recent issue of "Dallas '63". This magazine is printed in England & is the other British publication. I've written for both.

I'd like to call your attention particularly to the article by Marina Porter beginning on page 5 which is her response to the ARRB. It is the most complete account I've seen on her position with respect to the ARRB. As you can see she has been taken in by the La Fontaine book.

The other article in the issue which I don't agree with is the "Physics of Dealey Plaza". His "science" doesn't work when it comes to his so-called "theory" of "no shots" from the knoll area & his general agreement on the magic bullet being as the Warren Commission would have it. Besides he's utterly wrong on the Tague incident (probably hasn't read any of your work since he should know better than what he's put in the article).

I had intended to send you a copy of the annual ARRB report submitted to President Clinton. It's possible you may have already received it. I also received from the ARRB 3 pages of Hosty's "notes" (which include his presence at Oswald's interrogation plus his interview with Ruth Paine. You may have a copy of this, also. If you do not have a copy either of the ARRB annual report or the Hosty notes & desire it let me know & I'll send you copies after I return from Florida.

Did you ever get a chance to read that Penthouse, Jan-1997 article on the ARRB? If so, I'd like your thoughts on it. I'm preparing an article on the ARRB for one of the British publications & your comments would be welcomed.

While going over the annual ARRB report I note that they're asking Congress for a one year extension because they claim, they need more time to get documents released and studied. As I'll show in my article it isn't time they need - it is method & motivation.

Note also in the stuff I'm sending you the article on the Similas affair. He is pretty much debunked but there are a number of questions that still remain largely unanswered.

Well, I must close now & do wish everything is OK with you & I'll be writing to you after I return from vacation.

Best,  
Hal Verb