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Dear Michael,

Thanks for the information you have on your antecedents. My belated interest in my own genes, I think, from my readings about the holocaust and related matters and from the ferment in that part of the world in recent years. When I was young and later, when I stayed averily-occupied with work, I had little or no such interests. And now I'm learning that this also was true of all my relatives of my generation (I'm the oldest of us) of whom I know. However, a few of them also developed similar interests in their seniority and I'm learning a little from them. One has been trying to put the roots and the limbs on a family tree. From him I've learned that there were more of my paternal grandfather's generation than I'd known about.

As I understand it, as Jews were forced to seek further sanctuaries and they spread into Europe, those in Germany were forced to adopt Germanic names. Some of them moved eastward and south. So we have Germanic names, often spelled in different ways by immigration personnel. Thus we may or may not, if traced back far enough, have common ancestors.

If you know your grandmother's maiden name, when you write again, please tell me and I'll see whether that coincides with any of the family names I've learned. By which I mean families by marriage.

I've learned that my paternal side came from the town of Baronovka, which is on the SLUC River, which was years ago the border with Poland. That area was particularly devastated by the Nazis, but it seems that the Soviet government was able to and did move many to safety before the Nazis could get to them. From a book I've just finished, *Why Did the Heavens Not Darken*, by Princeton Historian Arno Mayer, I've learned that some remained behind and became partisans, waging guerilla war against the Nazis. I understand this book has come out recently as a paperback.

Some of my paternal relatives also did not leave the Ukraine but I know nothing about them. Those who could get out spread around the western hemisphere, although I never heard of any in Canada. Some went to Argentina, for example.

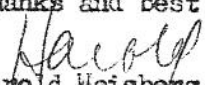
Quite a few of the Jews of that area did survive the Nazis. I have a boyhood friend who was 12 when he got here. In recent years, when his work took him there, he was able to locate relatives he remembered. That was in Kiev, which is a major Ukrainian city and a center of culture there.

I'm glad you were able to get a set of the 26 volumes. They are scarce and are, aside from being a prize possession, will become more valuable with the passing of time.

I'm sorry you won't have access to the records we've been able to force the government to disgorge. I have about a third of a million pages of them.

P.S. I had a cousin Michael, of my father's generation

Thanks and best wishes,


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Dear Harold

Thank you for sending me the book "Frame-Up" that I ordered from you. I look forward to reading and studying the material in it!

I also appreciate the background on your family that you wrote about! I wish I could reciprocate about my family's background in greater detail.

Unfortunately my father's parents passed away many years ago. As I indicated in a previous letter my father's mother came from the Ukraine. I have no idea exactly where from the Ukraine. My father came from a large Jewish family but few survived WWII. Very few members of their family were able to emigrate to North America before WWII. And the ones that did have long ago passed away or we have lost touch with them. I don't know much about my father's father. He passed away when my dad was only 18. I think he came from Eastern Europe but I am not sure!

My mother came from a large French Canadian, catholic family. I asked her about my father's parents but she does not really know much more than I have

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just related!

I wanted to ask my father what he remembered about his parents background. But he spent the last several months in hospital dying of cancer! He had not been conscious for some time. He passed away on March 14/90!

I recently purchased a set of the 26 volumes of the Warren Commission from the Presidents Box Bookshop! I am very happy to have this set. I look forward to many years of studying and researching the material!

I am only 32 years old. I wish I had started looking into JFK's assassination a long time ago, but it is never too late to start!

After reading some of your books I realize the importance of looking at the hard evidence as opposed to merely conspiracy theorizing. I believe some researchers have made this mistake. I know that you have stressed the importance of going about research in this manner!

I don't mean to put down any researchers. Of course, "to each his own". Regardless of methods and differences of opinion it is still important to continue research into JFK's (and others - MLK, RFK) assassination.

We owe it to the memory of JFK and the numerous researchers, especially those who are no longer with us to continue this work.

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Again thank you for the book
and your recent letter. I look forward
to corresponding with you again in the
future!

Looking forward to your reply

Yours Truly

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