

Dear George,

5/31/92, believe it or not, 2:50 am!

I can't take excitement as I once could and right now this is magnified by what I did not dream JAMA makes possible and my abbreviated sleep but I write you feeling the excessive reaction to excitement anyway. And then I'll go out and get the Post and try to ease off going over it.

Having read this incredible article ^(just as bad!) (not yet the Dallas one) I tell you the potential, with attention, is beyond belief.

You may have heard me refer to "intellectual judo" in the past. It can for me have many forms. One is in making a proposal to Frank Mankiewicz before I went to the hospital 5/20. His response neither accepted it nor rejected it. I have written him further, copy enclosed, and ask you to keep it confidential.

I believe that Stone, having milked JFK for all he can, has no further interest but the man's ego is such I'm not closing that door myself. He can get attention I cannot and because I'll be doing the work I can keep it clean and accurate. And unexaggerated.

I wonder if enough time has passed for the Post to face the entire question without any consideration of anything other than traditional concepts of news value?

The pulled punches in your 5/20 story and what was omitted as well as what was included does not lead me to believe that time has come yet.

I expect to address this incredible business in a definitive way by what I think would be impartial assessment. I think that with responsible attention it can and should mean the end of official adherence to the official solution to the crime. As I seek means of finding responsible attention I ask if you can find out for me what the Post thinks and whether it is ready to address what by normal standard would mean the end of any acceptance of the official JFK mythology?

I also ask that for now you and the Post keep my estimate and plans confidential.

With luck I'll be away only Wednesday, in Baltimore.

Best,

Harold