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Dear Harold:

Thank you very much for your response which I received yesterday. I thank you greatly for the Raikin documents which you sent, they will be very helpful to me.

Yesterday I mailed 5 FOI requests: ONI, ARMY INTEL, OSI, CIA, and the STATE DEPT. All of the above are referenced in the FBI packet which I have. Yes, I will send all releases to you for your records. I thought perhaps I will do this at the conclusion of my investigation, however if you wish, I will send what I have now.Please advise your wish.

Enclosed you will find copies of some of the Joe West "stuff."

Yes, you are very correct about my knowledge of West. I have been tracking West since I first learned about his activities last March. One reason for this is because "he is the only game in town" at this time. Joe is a very interesting man, who has a somewhat limited knowledge of the JFK case, but has been willing to spend money \$100, 000 so far in his words. Joe's only interest is in finding the "shooters" on 11/22/63, and has little interest in other aspects of the case. I consider myself an honest friend of Joe, who will communicate with me. I have been in his office about a dozen times, and he calls me, and I call him. Joe claims that he is investigating the JFK case strictly for issues centering around "God and Country". I do believe in my heart that Joe is sincere about this. However he is now attempting to seek funding for his new foundation Truth, Inc. Several other things you should know: Joe probably trusts me more than most, but he has never been completely open with me. I believe he fears my linkages, and the potential damages that could occur. Frankly, I must chose my words very carefully when I am around him. An example: Joe called me Monday prior to his press conference on Thursday. He told me that he had the "smoking gun" with the Roscoe White Service book (pages enclosed). I went right to his office, and he declined to show it to me. He asked me to assist with his forthcoming press conference. He had already called a bunch of people, etc. I asked if he had had it "looked at" to prove it not a fake. He said he had enough evidence, and was not concerned about this. I begged him to hold off, unless he had proof positive, however he went ahead anyway. I was at the Press Conference, and so was John Stockwell at Joe's invitation. Joe spoke, and so did Stockwell. Stockwell essentially called the Service Book a fake, and said that he too urged Joe not to go ahead with the press conference. The entire event was a media disaster for Joe, as he started off attempting to convince people that the Service Book was the "key to the case", but was then forced to admit that it may be fake. (I have the entire 90 minute event on audio tape, and I believe that outside of the press, I have the only copy, however I did make a copy for Joe, and another JFK researcher.) If you are interested in a copy, please advise. The tape also contains a 30-40 minute interview with Stockwell.

I am still in contact with Joe, as I was in his office Monday, last. He seems to be

wondering what to do now. He is very angry with Stockwell, and this is understandable. He asked me for some guidance, and I told him that everything depends on whether or not the Service Book proves to be in Roesco White's handwriting. Stockwell told members of the press that (1) the entire contents were written in a felt tip pen which did not exist in those days, and the ink looked new, with little discoloration from first to last entry.

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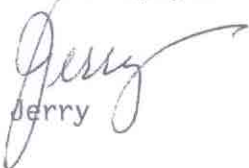
As you must already know, Joe was at one time associated with Shaw, Harris, Howard and Fensterwald, and he severed this relationship after the press conference in Dallas. It was a very bitter break. It appears that the "folks" above are now attempting to use Ricky White, and his "story" for financial gain, with book, and movie offers, etc. I am told that Fensterwald holds a 50% ownership in the Center in Dallas, along with Shaw and Howard (other 50%). I believe that there may be some "truth" in the Roscoe White story, but not to the extent that West and the folks above are saying. Although I would never dream of telling Joe, I have little doubt in my mind that the Service Record Book that Joe has is a complete fake, probably written by Geneva White, or Ricky. In fact, I asked Joe to consider the possibility that it may have been "planted" by Ricky to discredit him, because of Ricky's links to Howard, et.al. and their well known efforts to "sell" this story. Needless to say, it is a very "messy situation, with money involved, personalities, credibility, etc. etc., not to mention; the very strong probability of law suits, as Joe retains possession of some of the "material evidence in this case".... namely the canister, and I believe the "Navy Intels", and he will not turn this over to Ricky or anyone else.

Now, Harold, I want you to know first of all, that I have not told anyone of this except one other person, a well known researcher outside the State of Texas who shall remain nameless. You have asked about it, and to the best of my ability, and limited typing skills have attempted to answer. I beg you to not to share this with anyone else, as the result could cause Joe to sever communications with me, and if there is a law suit, the Dallas Center group could drag me into it, and so could Joe. Now I told you in my last letter that I did not trust Fensterwald. This is the reason, not his possible CIA connections which goes way back, and likely is not true. I believe you will agree that much money has been made, by many individuals selling "bullshit" on the JFK case. This is almost as great a tragedy as the murder of JFK itself. As a researcher in this case, one must be very careful with whom you share. (by the way, I am told that Fensterwald helped Marrow write his book on the RFK assassination. Is this true? If so, it tells me more about Fensterwald.) Now Harold, I look upon you as would a child to his teacher. You have done more than anybody to investigate this case, and to keep it alive. I have been advised that you are a man to trust. You have most of what I know, and much of what I believe. I will continue to associate with Joe and learn what I can, because the Roscoe White business is only a part of what Joe is investigating, and spending the money on too. Where all of this will go, only God knows, but please do not share this with anyone. I am well aware of Joe's lack of research skill, but he may "come upon something" that will help us all in the end, and if not, that's the way it goes, but this is an "ongoing investigation. Now, one last thing: Joe has been told that there are death threats against him. He believes that they are coming from Larry Howard. I asked him if perhaps this was just a "sick joke" but he says no, that they are true. Joe says that Howard did kill a man, I believe a former business partner, but was not indicted, because it was "self defense." This will indicate two possibilities: (1) The state of Joe's mind, and his

fears, and if true, the serious state of affairs within the Dallas Center, or (2) that Joe is really full of crap, and all of this is just a case of bullshit.

Anyway, thank you again for sending me the documents. Enclosed please find \$21.75. Please send me a copy of POST MORTEM @ \$12.00, and a copy of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH @ \$9.75. Later, I hope to order the others, but am a little short of funds now.

Sincerely yours,


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