

Dear Ed,

10/26/81

Your somewhat harsh comments about Garrow interest me. He sent me a copy of his book with a letter including undeserved praise. For helping make it a better book, when he not only didn't use what I made available to him but actually suppressed what really is important to that book, an FBI measure of the enormous extent of the operations against King. He also included me in the credits in the book, likewise for no apparent reason. Meaning not apparent to me. Meanwhile, in the book and with the major media attention he pushes the Angleton line about the mole. So because you read so fast and so much, if it is not too late I'll be interested in anything you can send, that you see, that is, showing that aside from the agency that has nothing to do with King but provides an apology and justification for the FBI while assuring major media attention, there is anything really new about what the FBI did to King. Yes, there are many details, some published for the first time. But is there anything else that is really new or in any way at all hurtful to the present FBI? He even makes up arguments in defense of Hoover, as I see it.

The two books you say I should write, and what a staff I'd now need to even think of them!, are not new to me. I started such writing years ago.

Based on my experiences in trying to get published at all I collected notes for "Dick Daring in the Hellbox, or how I got Rich and Famous in Six Months." The subtitle is the words of an editor and the forecast of Gene Prakapis at Pocket Books after he read the ms and before Shinkin saw the red flag before the charging bull, Prakapis' honest words. From a fraudulent book, as I recall Calories Don't Count, what Grossman got PB to publish, resulting in charges Shinkin wanted to avoid from DJ for himself. This is what separated Grossman from PB and Started Grossman as a publisher.

When Citizen's Dissent was out I drafted A Citizen's Descent over a weekend. Of the critics at that time only Schoener read it. I haven't. It is put away, not for publication but as a record.

When what Garrison really was and was to become clear to me I considered and started a file for The Marxist's Solutions to the JFK Assassination. Today it would have to be enormous.

It would be good if those things could be done. But by a 68-year-old who isn't all that well? With no help or funding?

First I want to do a new King book, and I'm tryin' to figure out how to start it now because the planned opening is dated and inappropriate. If I can get that formulated in my own mind the rest will flow rapidly and I believe I can get it printed now. But I won't be able to do it until I have figured out how it begins. The rest is firm and files are largely established for the rest. Except for HSCA because the book was outlined before it.

I gather that the farout things you attribute to Blakey are a combination of the book which I've not seen and can't buy, and what he has been spouting when there is a camera or an open mike.

I also gather that the Turner-Kinkle fiction is a rehash of all the old and baseless theories, from the Penthouse hit reprinted in TCI. They are so ignorant and careless that they can't even steal straight. Like having Banister's and the CRC's 544 Camp space both on the second floor. You'd never know that Turner was ever in N.O.

By the way, I think I'm inheriting some copies of Oswald In New Orleans. I know that used copies have been bringing large prices. Know where I can sell some at such a good price? I never got a cent from the initial publication.

Hope you are well. And happy. I'm feeling pretty good, save for the considerably reduced physical capabilities. Best wishes,

10/18

Dear Harold,

Did they think Ruby
would be in the grave?
Pure disinformation.

A guy named ^{Daniel} Garraw just
wrote a book called The
F.B.I. and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ruby is not even in the
index! Very definitive! It
got publicity in Newsweek
by putting out the K.G.B. mole
in F.B.I. line. Angleton must
be giving a lot of briefings.

Hattimer's book is trash
and one has to ponder
the publisher's (H.B.F.) Motives.

It was apparent (and
acknowledged by him) that
The Warren Commission artist
drew them from instructions
and without the advantage
of seeing the body, the
photographs or the X-rays.

Thus, Hattimer's book raises
questions and answers none.

Beakley claims mob killed
R.F.K., also. Breeding etc. Even
Ruby got pay-off money.
Exile Cubans, Hemagade CIA
agents also participated.
Mob may have infiltrated
D.F.

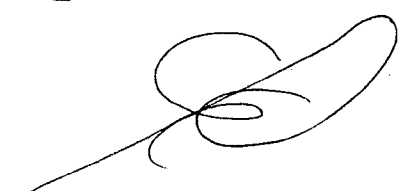
Joe Kennedy and Mob made
of F.K. President. Killed him
when he wouldn't go
along. Sinatra, Earl Ruby,
McWillie, Marcello, Traggante,
Dolan, Baker, Weiner, William

Harvey, DeLoach, Felt et al. And...
He said Garrison was irresponsible.
Blakey, Barkers freely from
quite a range of conspiracy
theories. An unoriginal paranoid.

You really should write
a memoir of "The Who Killed
Kennedy?" Circus, the other
critics, the unpublished
aspects (Barker, your aborting
of "Quests" in 1968 etc.) of
the Garrison phase, the
issues, the personalities,
your work, the D.F.
battles etc. You're the
only man who could
write it.

Already, one can
watch the best theories
being re-cycled and
gaining credence with
the younger generation.

No book has been
written which tells the
extraordinary story of how
private citizens and a local
D.A. investigated a president's
murder. It's one hell
of a story.

Sincerely,


9/10

Dear Harold,

Glad to hear your checkup was fine. Take care many wonderful people in the medical profession. I've felt fine lately, also.

Hope you enjoyed The Magus on its own merits. My reference was the way Conspir manipulated and produced his own realities and created the "evidence" and mise en scene as Nicholas finally realizes.

The Pukland testimony depicted by Gooden in the photographic volume of the H.S.C.A. Report and their disbelief at receiving the Doc drawings today raises questions that H.S.C.A. would not confront. The testimony of Weeks, Poe, Tomlinson, Wright raises other questions.

"The 'Put Your Mouth' memo was effective since Barbara's personal would be 'I was an accessory after the fact and obstructed justice in the murder of the President!'"

You put it best when you wrote "there was no investigation".

Hinable and Turner have re-cycled their stuff with CIA/Mag did it all in current Penthouse. Begins, suitably enough, with Bogus R.F.K. "quote" ---
Publisher, a good guy, but

Delivers O'Toole, his "expert" on
the case.

A lot of publicity over "empty"
Orswell coffin and the "photo"
of Orswell reproduced in Conspiracy,
a book which read well here
and was bestseller in U.K. Crazy
stuff.

Blakey says best proof of
L.H.O.'s "innocence" is that if
he were capable of MURKIN
he would have killed Maguire!
L.H.O. innocent! Blakey is re-
peating J.G. Now he names
"platters" - Callers, Santo, McWilliam,
R.D. Matthews, Culans, perhaps
William K. Harvey, outlaw CIA
Harvey "types" and "others" ---
"Real" J.F.K. "killer" is at the
bottom of Lake Pontchartrain,
has been for 17 years ---
"I can get indictments ---"
So Blakey tells a media group
in New York at Mailer's
party. I recall Summers cut
Wicker to pieces.

Blakey sounds paranoid.
Substitute Mob for CIA and
he is an Ivy League but
not so Dwight Garrison.

The Rudy phone calls only
have relevance if Rudy was
part of plot to kill - Not
just L.H.O. - but J.F.K. as well!

I quite admire Roselli when
he says mob would ^{not} trust
Orswell or Rudy to hit a dog!
All the myths are being
unraveled!

You're the only man
who was a witness to all
this stuff. A memoir would
be great stuff.
Phillips offered Freed to his
75 million suit.

Sincerely,
