

Dear Scott,

11/16/86

Thanks for your 11/11 and the enclosures.

The one on the disclosed JFK tapes was timely. I'd just written a little about them as an insert in a completed manuscript and I was able to contrast the account you sent me from Newsday and the AP with the much more prejudicial account I'd been sent earlier.

That is the truth about the pressures on JFK to invade Cuba, which meant a nuclear war with ~~all~~ the Russians in Cuba certain to be killed by that war. I do not remember the name of it but a group from both sides had their I think third meeting to discuss that in Havana about three years ago. Two American scholars who make their prejudice clear did a book that also includes verbatim of what both sides said. Well worth reading. And Castro made a virtuoso display of how much he can keep in mind and have it come out in the right order when he spoke there ex tempore. At length, too. McNamara also did. He said that although the military did plan to invade Cuba the Cubans should have known we did not really mean it!

It is impossible to exaggerate how magnificent JFK was at that time of crisis and when he was virtually isolated at the beginning of it. A truly remarkable display by a truly remarkable man!

I have no interest in Posner per se and none in Perot now so I'll not get that book.

Ditto for that scoundrel Schiller. A genuinely evil man. Good at evil, too. Makes money from it and is never hurt by it.

You should be elated that your children are doing well in school. Good for them! I hope the temptations they all face today your's can reject and continue being good students.

We are doing about as well as can be expected, thanks.

Thanks and best to you all,

Hardy

11/11/96

Dear Harold,

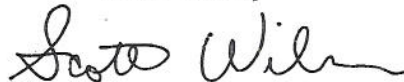
Enclosed please find articles of particular interest. I've sent peices on The Cuban Missile Crisis and stories on Larry Schiller and Edward Epsteins new book on Armand Hammer. I thought you'd be interested in this stuff.

In regard to the Cuban Story, I find it difficult to believe that McNamara and LeMay were pushing JFK toward military actiøn during the Cuban crisis.

If JFK would have taken the advice of LeMay or McNamara we very well might have had a nuclear war and I find that prospect and the counsel of these men to be incomprehensible. Can you comment on this? My own personal opinion of JFK's actions during the Cuban crisis is that he did the right thing, patiently waiting and using diplomacy to fend off the most dangerous threat to man that man has ever known. I shudder to think what would have happened if JFK had taken the advice of LeMay or McNamara.

How are you both doing and feeling? I hope you are both doing and feeling well. Everything with me is good, I really can't complain. Our baby and kids arê doing well and my other 2 kids arw really doing well in school.

Take Care,



PS Saw Posner's New book on Ross Perot entitled Citizen Perot ãn the stores, that is what he must have been working on this past year. Was going to buy a copy but I've no time to read it. Also saw Schiller's book on the OJ case but didn't buy it. It is too bad that the people don't know how uncredible a journalist Schiller is.