

Two weeks ago yesterday I was hospitalized for what was to have been a day and a half that lasted for two weeks. I was allowed home yesterday in time to read the mail of those two weeks. I begin to respond on my 83rd birthday. Responding to all of it will take some time. I'll not be able to respond to much of it as fully as in the past, as I hope some of you will be able to understand. It ~~fills~~^{fills} a box that held 100 file folders. Two weeks of book orders have also accumulated and filling and mailing them will also take time. As will additional medical appointments several of which follow today. and, perhaps from two weeks ~~of~~^{no} physical activity at all instead of the ~~my~~ limited physical activity that had been possible for me I am also a bit weaker.

The initial diagnosis at the hospital, based on fluid in my chest, was congestive heart failure. Not quite a full quart of fluid was taken from my chest. Analysis of it disclosed nothing. Several cultures ^{also} were made. It will be some time before the results of them ^e will be available.

I was told I have some anemia and that my kidney function is less than it should be.

The fluid was not in my lungs and there was no blood in it.

If the doctors learned more than this I was not told. Several specialists were involved and at least one of them will continue to be in ~~see~~^{see} examinations. I do not suggest that the doctors learned more than they told me.

I was ambulatory all the time that I was hospitalized and to a degree I was able to continue work. I've about completed research for another manuscript that can be of book length. When I can get to it!

I hope this explains my delay in responding and in my responding at less length than in the past.

For which I am sorry but my first ^{priority} remains completing the work to the degree now possible for me.

Harold Weisberg 4/8/96

-his explains why I can't read what you sent now. On the Garrison files, which hold nothing good, I cannot explain Connick not wanting them to be used against others. He and Garrison were enemies...I remember the Sheppard case. If the law were now as it was then the Simpson case could not have gone to trial...I know Jowers and do not believe that story. He gave me no such indication, either. ...I've finished a manuscript on the Hosty book and on several others and I'll be getting to one on the wretchedly bad Oswald Talker. As he did not. Almost finished reading it in the hospital. Thanks and best, H

3/25/96

Dear Harold,

How are you? How is Lil? When will she be having her hip surgery? I had an uncle who was 82 and in frail health when he had his hip surgery and everything turned out well for him. Please tell Lil that I wish her Godspeed with the operation and her recovery. As always you are both in my prayers.

I enclose various articles of interest. There are articles on Garrison's files, Jackie's Auction and stories on spies and the Sam Sheppard murder case.

Can you comment on the story on Garrison's files? Why would Connick withhold the Garrison files from the ARRB while giving Posner access to the files for the NY TIMES story he wrote on them last year? That strikes me as odd. In my opinion Garrison's reputation has already been ruined for history so withholding these files to protect Garrison's rep seems not to make any sense to me. Connick's behavior in the prosecution of Raymond and Angelico after Connick instructed Raymond to destroy some grand jury records reminds me of the same type of behavior that Garrison engaged in in his abuse of justice in the Shaw prosecution. What do you think of this?

I'm also sending articles on the Sam Sheppard murder case. He was a Dr. that was convicted of murdering his wife in 1954. I send this because this case in many ways parallels the OJ Simpson case. Do you remember this case when it occurred in 1954? If you do anything that you could tell me about it would be appreciated. Sheppard's son has written a book called Mockery of Justice and seems to present some new evidence that exculpates his father and implicates a man named Richard Eberling in the murder of Marilyn Sheppard. I just bought this book but have yet to read it.

I've been looking at William Pepper's book on the Ray case titled Orders to Kill. You've already told me that this book is not good, but I wanted to ask you if there is any credibility to Pepper's implication that Loyd Jowers carried out the killing of King for the Liberto crime family. I thought that Jower's admission on national TV of this may be pretty strong. Wouldn't Jower's admission be the new evidence that Ray would need to get a trial in a court of law? Is there any credibility to this admission by Jowers?

I want to wish you a happy birthday this coming 4/8, my birthday is 4/10. Will try to make it down to visit with you soon, things have been tough financially and my wife's pregnancy has been difficult.

Take care and stay well,

Seth Wiles

PS What are you currently writing about besides Groden's Search for Oswald?